ANCIENT CANOE DISCOVERED.—Three fishermen at Asnieres, France, have discovered an ancient canoe buried beneath a sand bank in the river. From its form it is supposed that it was used by the Normans in their invasion of Paris. It is an immense trunk of oak about eighty feet long, hollowed out and capable of holding sixty men. It is well known that the Normans, in addition to their large wicker-work boats, had other verd long ones for the purpose of war, forme of hard wood, and it is supposed that this is one of them. There is a striking resemblance between this and the barks of pirates of the ninth century.

Capt. Newell, of the whaling barque, Alice Fraser, of New Bedford, at San Francisco, reports that on the 26th July last, a volcano burst out on the Island of Ounimask, in the Pacific, throwing the water some 800 feet into the air, followed by an ejection of lava, which covered the deck of his ship.

A large number of the new cent pieces authorized by Congress are now at the Philadelphia Mint awaiting the order of Congress to be circulated. They are about the size of the half cent circulated fifteen or sixteen years ago, and are composed of copper, nickel, and zinc.

Saturday forenoon, off the south shore of Nantucket, eight boats obtained over 2000 fine codfish, in little less than four hours. The four hours haul of fish is worth between $300 and 400; a most acceptable "catch" to the hardy fishermen.

HASZARD'S GAZETTE.

Saturday, December 13, 1856.

We inserted a short article upon the lecture given on Tuesday evening, at the Mechanics' Institute: we would now speak of the Institute itself. There can be little doubt tha t such associations are or may be made of great utility, especially in a community like ours, where though almost every one is engaged during the day in industrial pursuits of some description, there is sufficient leisure afforded during the evenings for relaxation and amusement; and it is for the purpose of combining useful knowledge with the necessary remission from labour, that literary and scientific institutes were formed. Mr. Barnard's opening lecture was an excellent one, perfectly illustrative of the strict union there is between the pursuits of science and those of practical life, and how a knowledge of the one tends to improvements in the other. Before he could with propriety enter upon the subject matter of his discourse, it was requisite for him to prove the necessity for ventilation, and in order to do this, it was equally necessary to shew what a pure atmosphere was, and the different ways by which it became vitiated, so as to need to be changed or renovated, and theoretically the lecturer performed his duty in a clear, lucid and popular manner, and to those who had a competent knowledge of chemistry, perfectly satisfactorily. But here is the rule. How many were there present, or supposing the Hall had been as full as possible, how many would there have been, who could be said to possess that requisite knowledge ?Not a great number, we may without any shame in the avowal, make answer. And for this best of all possible reasons, they have had few or no opportunities of knowing. The words oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen, are—and truly—Greek to the multitude; they can form no definite ideas as to what these words mean Carbon by referring to the well known article, charcoal, is somewhat better understood. Now this want of knowledge is not because we have not persons capable of lecturing upon the subject, but because the Institute is unprovided with the necessary apparatus, nor do we think it likely to be, unless some properly qualified person volunteers to take charge of it, if obtained. The Institute has already an air pump, an Electrical machine, and the necessary apparatus of electro-magnetism in its possession; but these are never made use of, for they are all out of order and imperfect. Now we would recommend to the Committee having them put into working order in the first place, and then exerting themselves to have a series of lectures given on Peumatics, electricity and magnetism; and we will be surety, that there will be full houses and eager and enquiring audiences. We would have those appeals to the senses first made, before the mind is called upon to exert itself. The requisite chemical apparatus for illustrating some of the prominent parts; such as the separation of water into its constituent gases, hydrogen and oxygen—the formation of oxygen and hydrogen gases, combustion and the results attending it, and a variety of other experiments extremely beautiful, and calculated to raise up the dormant seeds of curiosity in the dullest mind. The great advantage of an Institute is, that those who are attracted to it merely for the purpose of whiling away an hour or two, become insensibly so interested in the subject of the lecture, as to induce them to spend a part of their leisure in the pursuit of further knowledge, and thus by degrees the mind is led on until it may exclaim with Milton,

"How charming is divine philosophy
Not harsh and crabbed as dull fools suppose"

and will find it, if it perseveres, as the same poet says a

"Perpetual feast of nectred sweets
Where no crude surfeit reigns."

We would recommend the exhibition of the Magic Lantern occasionally, and through its medium an acquaintance with the most prominent of the heavenly constellations, and thereby induce a desire to become better acquainted with those

"Suns of other spheres, centres of other worlds."

We are gratified to notice in our columns the gift of a very handsome Church clock, valued at $20, and running 16 days, presented to Trinity Church Georgetown, by Captain John Westaway, an enterprising and liberal inhabitant of that place.

Blackwood's Magazine for November has been received; its contents are the following articles:

Mr. Ruskin and his Theories—Sublime and Ridiculous,
The Athelings or the Three Gifts—part 4
The Scot abroad—The Man of Art,
Scandinavia,
A Cause worth trying,
Touching Temporalities,
Baden-Baden—Table and other talk there
The art of Cavilling,

GEORGE T. HASZARD, Agent, Charlottetown.

The Rev. John Curry will preach (D V) in the Temperance Hall on Sabbath next, at the hours of 11 o'clock a. m., and at 3 p. m., in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. Service may be expected every Sabbath until further notice.

Married,

At Alexandria, (Glengarry.) on the 21st Nov., by the Rev. John M'Lachlane, Colin M'Donald, Esq. M, D., son of the late Colonel M'Donald, of St. Andrews, to Helen, second daughter of the late Alexander M'Donnell, Esq., of Prince Edward Island.

At Charlottetown, on the 2d inst., by Rev. J. Duncan, Mr. Lauchlan M'Neill, of Oakfield, to Emily Maria, youngest daughter of Robert C. Woolner, Esq., North Rustico.

At St. John, N. B., on the 21st ult., by the Rev. James Baird, Mr. Alex. M'Kay, of P. E. Island, to Miss Cook, of Amherst, N. S.

At Seal River, Lot 49, on the 4th instant, by the Rev. George S. Milligan, A. M., Mr. William H. Drake, to Miss Margaret Dogerty.

Died,

At Portland, Maine, on the 13th October, of tyfoid fever, Lavinia Ellen, fourth daughter of Mr. William Annear, Postmaster, Montague River, aged 17 years. Deservedly regretted by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

At Murray Harbour on the 23rd day of Nov. last, Mary Ann wife of William Clements, Esq., in the 43rd of her age—leaving a husband and seven children, together with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their irreparable loss. Her end was peace.

Passengers,

On the 10th instant, in the Boat from Cape Tormentine to Cape Traverse—Messrs. Richard Curren, Isaac Anderson, John Stewart, James Slattery, Francis Sherriden, E. Butler, James M'Intyre, Jos. M'Intyre, G. A. Thresher, A. Irving.

Ship News.

The Steamer Rosebud got clear of the ice in Orwell Bay, on Tuesday evening last, and arrived in Charlottetown during the night; the next day having taken in coal, at eight o'clock she left port again to go round the North Cape, to tow the Ship 'James Yeo' over the bar at the mouth of Richmond Bay.

The Vessels recently frozen up in Bedeque, we learn have been cut clear of the ice. The Bark Paxton sailed from Charlottetown on Wednesday. The Bark Aurora, from Bedeque, at Canso, with loss of anchors and chains.

The Schr. Hibernia, Quillman, hence for Halifax, produce laden, went ashore on the Indian Rocks, off Wood Islands, on Friday last, and became a total wreck. Crew got ashore with difficulty—vessel and cargo insured.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Alexander Robertson, junior, of Bonshaw, Township No. 30, to be a Justice of the Peace for Queen's County.

Port of Charlottetown.

ENTERED.

Nov. 28, Samuel Thomas, Shellnut, Canso; herring.
29th, Orr, Cunningham, Boston, goods. Messenger, Bouchie, Richibuctou; deals. Victor, Bosqet, do.; do.
Dec. 1st, Lady Jane Gray, Paul, Miramichi; deals.
2d, Sophronia, Siteman, Richibuctou; lumber.
12 h, Ploughboy, Robinson, Pictou; coal. Leo, Squarebridge, Boston; goods. Rapid, MacPherson, Halifax; do. Brunswick, Purdy, Pictou; coal. Conservative, M'Fadyen, Halifax; goods. Lady Sale, Brow, do.; do. Oriander, Lund, Pictou; mails. Flora, Bears, Pictou; coal. Garland. M'Lean, Halifax; goods. Elizabeth Mary, M'Donald, do.; do.

CLEARED.

Nov. 27. R. M. Steamer Lady Le Marchant, Irving, Pictou; mails. Reward, M'Intosh, oysters.
28th, Samuel Thomas, Shelnut, Halifax; produce.
29th, Perilla, Salmond, London, G. B.; deals—by Robert Longworth. Brig Millicent, Murchison, Newfld.; produce. Belle Poulett, Le Blanc, Pictou; bal.
Dec 1st, R. M. Steamer Lady Le Marchant, Irving, Shediac; mails, passengers and sundries. Elizabeth, Scott, Halifax; barley. City Belle, Pendleton, Boston; oats.
8th, H. Ingram, Whalen, Pictou; mails. Ship Majestic, Nolan, Liverpool, G. B.; timber and deals—by W. W. Lord & Co. Hibernia, Quilman, Halifax; produce.
9th, Brigt. James Henry, Heron, Newfld.; produce. Messenger, Bouchie, Pictou; bal.

POLITICAL ALLIANCE.

OWING to Thursday evening the 11th inst. being the evening of the day of the General Thanksgiving, the Meeting of the *Alliance* was postponed until Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., when all members and those who wish to become members, will please take notice, that a Regular Meeting will take place at 7 o'clock P. M. in the Temperance Hall.

☞ A full attendance is requested.

JAMES J. BEVAN, Secretary.

Ch Town, Dec 21, 1856.

NEW GOODS.
FALL 1856.

EX "MAJESTIC," from Liverpool "OBI," from London, and recent arrivals from Boston and Halifax, theSubscribers have received upwards of

1000 Packages
British & Foreign Merchandize,

which they offer for sale at their usual low prices for prompt payment. Wholesale Customers supplied at low rates and liberal terms. The assortment consists of

60 Chests prime Congou TEA,
7 Bales Carpets and Woollens,
8 Cases and 3 bales Ready Made Clothing,
15 Trunks Boots and Shoes,
4 do Silks, Silk Dresses and Ribbons,
8 Bales Grey, white and Printed Calicoes, Derrys and Ginghams,
6 Bales assorted Cloths,
10 Cases Ladies' Dress Materials,
2 do FURS,
2 do Woolen Shawls,
1 do Polka Jackets and Sleeves,
2 do Glazed Linings,
15 Kegs "Hall's" Powder,
30 Packages Ironmongery,
2 Cases Gala Plaids & Linseys,
1 do Silk and Straw Bonnets,
1 Trunk Ladies' Mantles,
1 Case Gloves and Hosiery,
1 do Jewelry & small Wares, 50 Boxes Soap, 90 Kegs White Paint, 2 Casks Oil, 1 Cask Putty, 5 Tins Copal Varnish, Boxes, Ward's Washing Powder, Paste Blacking, Chinese Glenfield and Blue Starch, Bags Pepper, Alspice, Corks, Barrels Crushed sugar, Logwood, Rice, 85 bags Cut Nails,

A large quantity of AMERICAN GOODS.

D. & G. DAVIES.

Queen's Square, Dec. 4, 1856.

NAVIGATION.

CAPTAIN DUNCAN J. BOYLE begs to inform the young men of this Island, that he will open a NAVIGATION SCHOOL at his Dwelling, a few doors from the Methodist Chapel Charlottetown, on the 1st day of JANUARY next; his course of instruction will comprise—Plain Navigation by construction, Logarithims and Inspection, together with a thorough knowledge of Chronometer time; also the practical use of the Chart and Quadrant.

TERMS—£2 per quarter, or £3 for the course. Money paid in advance.

N. B. Pupils for the higher branches will be seperately arranged with.

December 8, 1856.

FOR SALE, ON CONSIGNMENT 15 PUNCHEONS JAMAICA SPIRITS, just arived per Schooner *Lucy*, from Halifax.

JAMES PURDIE.

Dec. 5, 1856.—4w

Fresh Fruit for Christmas
Groceries, &c., &c., &c

IN addition to their usual supply of British Goods the Subscribers have received by late arrivals—

40 Boxes best Bloom RAISINS,
3 Casks RAISINS,
1 " Fresh CURRANTS excellent quality,
30 Bbls. APPLES,
20 Do. Superfine FAMILY FLOUR,
16 Pun. Choice retailing MOLASSES,
4 Hhds. Sugar,
30 Chests TEA, of fine qaality,
50 Boxes do. do. do.
5 Bbls. ONIONS,
3 Casks BURNING FLUID,

Spices, Wine, Soda and Butter Crackers, Cheese, Bottles Pickles, Pilot Bread, Vinegar, Window Blinds, Chairs, Bedsteads, Brooms, Pails, Boots, Shoes, Candles, Candies, and Lozenges, &c. &c. &c. all of which will be sold at the lowest cash rates.

BEER & SON.

Charlottetown, Dec. 13, 1856. Isl. 3w.

AUCTION,
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
Glassware, Chinaware, Crockery-ware, &c. &c. &c. &c.

THE Subscriber has been instructed to sell by Auction on Tuesday 30th instant, at 11 o'clock, at the residence of E. L. Lydiard, Esq., Queen's Square, the whole of his Valuable Household Furniture, Glassware, Chinaware, Crockeryware, &c. &c. &c.

Terms Liberal.

JAMES MORRIS, Auctioneer.

Charlottetown, Dec. 13, 1856.
Ex. and Isl.

NOTICE

THE SUBCRIBER having determined on pursuing another Branch of Business places the whole of his

STOCK OF GOODS

in the market, at very low prices, until the 1st TUESDAY in MARCH, 1857, when the then remaining will be offered at AUCTION. And all accounts unsettled after the FIRST of FEBRUARY, will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection.

Also,—To SELL or LET the unexpired LEASE of his present HOUSE, (which for business facilities needs but few remarks,) being 7 years from the 15th of MAY, 1857. Possession given on the 1st of April, if required.

JAMES R. WATT.

Dec. 5, 1856.

Grist and Saw Mill for Sale.

THE Subscriber offers his Grist and Saw Mill for sale, situated at St. Margaret's on Lot or Township No. 44, in King's County, they are erected on the most approved principle, being each propelled by a 14 feet overshot water-wheel, and in a good stand for business.

TERMS—made known on application to the subscriber, by letter post paid, or otherwise, and also at this office.

JOHN DIXON.

Glenfinlas Mills, Dec. 1, 1856.

"ACADIA" GROCERY STORE.

THE Subscriber begs leave to inform the public, that he has opened the Store adjoining Messrs. McNUTT & BROWN, on Queen Square, as a—

Tea, Coffee and General Grocery Store.

With a carefully selected Stock of Goods, consisting of

Fine Oolong, Souchong and Congo TEAS,
Jamaica COFFEE, (green and ground)
PICKLES, SAUCES, &c., (all kinds)
A variety of CAKES and BISCUIT,
SUGARS (brown and white), MOLASSES,
Vinegar, Fluid, Raisins, Starch,
SOAP, CANDLES (patent, sperm and tallow),
Currants, Orange, Lemon and Citron Peel,
Scotch Marmalade, Maccaroni, Vermicelli, &c.

ALSO, sole Agent for M'Dougalls Pipes and the Glenfield Starch.

JARDINE MACLEAN.

Nov. 12, 1856

Opening of the New Free Church.

THE New Free Church at the head of Prince street, will be open (D V) on Sabbath first, the 14th inst. The morning service will be conducted by the Rev. Alexander Sutherland of New London; the afternoon by the Pastor of the congregation; and the evening by the Rev. Alexander Munro, of Brown's Creek. The public who have very generally assisted in the erection of this neat and commodious building, are respectfully invited to attend. A collection will be taken at each of the services, in aid of the building committee.

December 10th, 1856.—*Ad. Isl.*

LADIES' superior French KID GLOVES, for sale at "QUEEN STREET HOUSE" by

ALEX. M'KINNON.

November 10.