for superior bred Ram Lambs, farmers know their interest too well to keep them over, for after feeding off at 2½ years old, they might possibly not get over that amount for them from the Butcher.

As regards Ewes, few farmers will fatten to kill, any well bred-Ewe, so long as she is capable of breeding stock, for a proportionate demand exists for Ewe Lambs, as well as Rams; while this demand for young stock continues, it would indeed be a thousand pities to see them in the hands of the Butcher. I have been speaking of sheep fed for show at 2½ year-old; but I hope, Sir, that the period is fast approaching when instead of sheep of that age weighing only 76 to 90 lbs., we will find Tegs produced at Easter of an equal weight, in fact without any pretension to a prize, but merely to make up a pen. My friend, Mr. Fellows, showed a one shear sheep which weighed 70 lbs. *ens*

The spirit of improvement is now striving among the farmers of the Island—evinced by the demand for well bred young stock—and unless some other method of supplying the demand besides that of importing from Great Britain be not adopted, our neighbours in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, who are good and constant customers, will soon be for a supply elsewhere.

I am Sir,
Yours &c,
WM. W. IRVING.

March 24, 1856.

A POLITICAL PORTRAIT NO. I.

In the halls of Legislation,
Built within this city,
Nature's *Boy of botheration*,
Makes his speeches witty.
From the *Ulster* north he came,
Born on bleak December;
Won th' Electioneering game,
And became a *Member*!

In this country—like a charm,
Really 'tis surprising!
How the north of Ireland *barm*,
Sets the *leaven* rising!
Rising! now he takes his stand,
In the Daily quorum,
Puff'd into "his Honor" grand,
DIGNITARIORUM!

Faith! he *hates* all other men,
Uncle, aunt, or cousin,
Raising teachers at the glen,
By the half-a-dozen!
Powers of chick-weed! dear, oh dear!
Monk would be a fool, sir!
To leave Glas-gow and come here
For the Normal school, sir.

In the Office with his pen,
See him at his duty,
Writing fast as twenty men!
Is'nt he a beauty!
Lolling in a cushion'd chair,
When his work is over,
Hark! he sings an Irish air,
"Bumble *bees* in clover."

SONG.

AIR.—*The harp that once thro' Tara's halls.*

The harp, that once in Flinty Glen,
Charm'd all the *Hopeful* band,
Now rests as pow'rless as the pen
In the Recorder's hand!
So sleeps the wit of former days,
When humbug's charm is o'er,
And honeyed lips, once loud to praise
That wit, applaud no more.

Why talk of wit and other days!
Or Glens of Flinty Stone,
The *gilded* chord is always *bass* (base)
And *deepest* in its tone!
The *notes* that now to me are dear!
Give such melodious sounds,
As banish from my soul the fear
Of losing nine-score pounds.

[*Extract of a letter from Souris, 18th March*]

"We have had rather severe weather all the winter at this port, but from all appearance, the first twelve hours of a good southerly wind will break the ice away, and open our harbor to the sea—It is very nearly open now.

POLICE COURT.

March 19. Johnston Cusick for trespass on the premises of Moses Doucette, convicted, fined 2s. 6d. with costs or be imprisoned ten days, committed.

22. Wm. White jr. for assault and battery, on Mary Corrigan, case investigated, and the court took time to give judgment.

A. G. Sims, Esq., for disorderly driving, convicted, fined 5s. with 7s. 6d. costs.

24. Nathaniel M'Donald, drunk, convicted on confession, fined five shillings, paid in court.

25. James Ormond for unmerciful and brutal chastisement of his son, convicted, ordered to pay costs and find securities with himself in the sum of £30 to keep the peace and be of good behavior for 12 months, committed.

25. Councillor for this week S. Barnard, Esq.

EXPLOSION NEAR SACRAMENTO CITY—STEAMBOAT BELLE DESTROYED—THIRTY PERSONS KILLED.—*Tuesday*, February 5, 12, M. A terrible calamity, equalled only by the awful disaster which destroyed the Pearl a year ago, occurred on the Sacramento river this morning.

Mr. James A. Powell, a farmer who resides at Grand Island Ranch, below Colusi, who was one of the passengers, furnishes us with the subjoined particulars: He states, that at the moment of the explosion, he was leaving the Ladies' cabin, and when the accident occurred, he was completely stunned for the moment, but immediately thereafter recovered. On looking about him, he first saw a child, badly hurt, and also a number of persons floating down the river.

The steamer General Redington was on her downward trip, and reached the scene of the accident at 8 o'clock. The steamer immediately took off the survivors from the wreck. The entire boat, with the exception of some forty feet of the after portion, sunk instantly, and the wreck, as our informant states, is more complete, than was that of the ill-fated Pearl. Our informant states, that there were at least sixty souls on board. At breakfast time there were two tables seated, each of which was filled. One half of all who left this city to-day in the Belle are either dead, wounded or missing. The Gen. Redington brought off from the wreck but thirty-two or three persons, including the injured.—*Extra Sacramento Union.*

FROM WASHINGTON.—*New York, March 8.*—The Herald's correspondent at Washington, under date of 7th, telegraphs as follows:

In connexion with the fact, that a large British squadron is understood to be on the way to the coast of Central America, I have learned to-day that the Government of Great Britain sent word to Mr. Marcy several weeks ago, that British subjects in Central America had supplicated them for aid, and that they should afford them protection. Secretary Marcy has been very busy for the last 48 hours preparing elaborate dispatches, which go out in the European steamer to-morrow, with reference to our present difficulties with England. Complete instructions to Mr. Dallas will accompany the despatches.

Latest News!

One Week later from Europe.

PEACE CONFERENCE PROGRESSING FAVOURABLY—BREADSTUFFS DECLINED.

The Royal Mail steamship *Persia* arrived at New York on Thursday morning.

The general news is unimportant.

The Peace Conference was progressing favourably, the preliminaries having been signed.

The Emperor Napoleon, in an address to the French Legislative Body, spoke in cordial terms of the English Alliance, and stated that while he hoped for peace, it was necessary to be prepared for peace or war.

MARKETS.—Wheat declined 6d, Flour 2s. to 3s. and Corn 1s., without much business during the week. Sugar active and 6d. dearer. Provisions unchanged. Consols 91½.

With deep regret we learn, that a person who arrived yesterday from *Branch*, brings the sad intelligence that a vessel from New York had been lost near the Virgins on the East shore of Placentia Bay, and that all on board had perished.—*Post of Saturday 1st.*

[We have heard that this vessel is called the *Free Trader*. The inhabitants in the neighbourhood pointed out to the master a safe anchorage in a cove near by, but it would seem that the gesture was mistaken, and in a few minutes afterward the vessel struck. A boat was lowered, and four men got into her, but she was immediately swamped. Two others took the rigging, whilst the master was observed to fold his arms, as if awaiting an expected catastrophe the sea ran high, wind N. W., and in a very little while the ship sunk, and all on board perished. No assistance could be rendered the unfortunate people from the shore Five of the bodies were picked up. Such is briefly the particulars of this melancholy occurrence as we have heard them.]—ED. LED.—*St. John's Public Ledger, 26th Feb*

[There can be hardly the least doubt of the wreck in question being that of brigt "Free trade" of Hantsport, N. S., from New York for St. John's, N F.]

A COLONIAL MAIL arrived yesterday afternoon, by which we have a week's later news from Europe by the *Persia* to New York.

Birth,

On Monday last, Mrs. Geo. T. Haszard of a daughter.

Married,

At Charlottetown, on Tuesday the 18th inst., by the Rev. David Fitz Gerald, at the residence of the Bride's father, Mr. Ralph Brecken, jr., to Lucy Margaret, eldest daughter of Charles McNutt, Esq., all of the above place.

At the Wesleyan Parsonage, Charlottetown, on Tuesday the 26th inst., by the Rev. J. M'Murray, Mr. Hector M'Mullin, to Miss Mary Blue, both of Wood Islands.

By the same, Mr. William Gass, to Miss Ann Barrett, both of Westeel River.

On the 28th ult., at Georgetown, by Wm. Sanderson, Esq., J. P., Mr. David Morrow, of Bay Fortune, Lot 56, to Miss Mary Perkins, of Souris.

On the 4th instant, at Georgetown, by Wm. Sanderson, Esq J. P. Mr. Samuel Macdonald, of Lot 46, merchant, to Elizabeth Macdonald, second youngest daughter of Mr. Donald Macdonald, West River, East Point.

On the 14th instant, at Georgetown, by Wm. Sanderson, Esq., J. P., Mr. Joseph Kennedy, of Lot 59, Montague River, to Miss Sarah McLean, of Brown's Creek, Lot 59.

Died,

On board the ship 'Josepus,' at the mouth of the river Hoogley, near Calcutta, on the 2nd October last, on his way to England, in the 30th year of his age, Frederick Sidney De Vere Lane, Esq., late captain of H. M. 81st Regt., second son of the late Honble. Ambrose Lane, Town Major at Prince Edward Island.

On the 20th instant, at Rollo Bay, of a short but severe illness, which she bore with Christian resignation, Mary Ann, the beloved wife of Mr. James Burk, aged 30 years. Her end was peace. The deceased leaves a beloved husband and three children, together with a large circle of friends and relations to mourn their loss.

At Big Cape, on Thursday last, in the 47th year of his age, Ronald Ban Macdonald, deservedly regretted by all that knew him. He was a useful member of society, and his stern, honest and impartial conduct, gained for him the confidence and esteem of the community to which he belonged. His end was peace.

On the 23d inst., after a short illness, Daniel Dogherty, infant son of Mr. Alex. M'Neill, Teacher, Mount Mellick, aged fifteen months.

On the 10th ult., at Bigadon House, near Tones, England, Lieut. General Sir J. Hunter Littler, G. C. B., H. E. I. C. S.

Passengers,

In the Ice Boat, to Cape Tormentine, on the 19th—Mr. Thos. Williams, for England, and 6, others.

In do., on the 22nd, Capt. J. H. Moore, Messrs. Starbird, Wm. Compton, and R. Cameron.

In do., to Cape Traverse, on the 25th, Mr. William M'Ginity.

House to Let.

THAT well known COTTAGE, the late residence of the Hon. G. R Goodman, for the unexpired portion of the present occupant's lease. Apply to the subscriber at the Cottage.

W. SNODGRASS.

Douglas Estate, Lot 19.

OFFERS will be received by the undersigned for the purchase of that portion of Lot 19, known as the "Douglas Estate" comprising about 1730 Acres of excellent land. The whole of this property is under lease for 999 years to various tenants at a reserved rent of one shilling Currency per acre. An indisputable title will be given.

R. STEWART.

Charlottetown, March 21st, 1856. Ex, *only*

City Clerk's Office,

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Office until MONDAY the 7th day of APRIL next, at 12 o'clock, noon, from persons willing to contract for the erection and hanging of a FIRE BELL in the Turret on the City Hall, according to a specification of the same which may be seen on application at said office, where every information relating thereto will be given.

Securities will be required for the due and faithful performance of the said contract.

W. B. WELLNER, City Clerk.

Ch. Town, March 26, 1856.

TO BE SOLD,

BY AUCTION, on SATURDAY the 5th August, at 12 o'clock, at the Town Hall, near the Market House, a superior young ENTIRE HORSE 3 years old the 1st June next, Roan colour, stands 14¾ hands high, took the second prize for Colts at the Agricultural Exhibition last Fall. He is Half Blood and half Canadian, has superior action and is very docile in harness.

WILLIAM DODD,
Auctioneer.

March 22, 1856.

AUCTIONS.

IMPORTANT SALE OF

Household Furniture, Stock, Crop, Farming Implements, &c.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION at "DUNHATTAN", the residence of Captain McIntosh, about two miles from the City, on the Princetown Road, on THURSDAY, the 27th MARCH, the whole of his valuable

Household Furniture, Stock, Crop, Farming Utensils, &c., &c.

For Terms of Sale, *vide* Catalogues, to be had on application to the Auctioneer.

ALSO,

TO LET OR FOR SALE "DUNHATTAN," the Freehold Property of Captain M'Intosh. The Farm consists of 26 acres of cleared land, in a good state of cultivation, well enclosed, and subdivided with posts and rails. The House is nearly new, well finished, and commodious, and will be Let with 5 acres, 10 acres or the whole of the land, as may be required.

☞ For further particulars, apply to Captain M'Intosh, on the premises, or to the subscriber,

JAMES MORRIS, Auctioneer.

Charlottetown, Feb. 7.

AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by Auction, on FRIDAY next, the 28th inst., at the Store lately occupied by JOSEPH M'DONALD, Queen Street, at 11 o'clock.

20 Hhds. Porto Rico MOLASSES,
10 Chests TEA,
20 Sides Neats LEATHER,
10 do Sole LEATHER
10 Doz. Cane and Wood Seat Chairs
1 Doz. French Bedsteads, (Imitaiton Rosewood,)
1½ do. Ch ldrens ditto,
1 Mahogany Hair Cloth SOFA,
1 Cask Whale OIL (a superior article),
1 Cask Carolina RICE,
10 Boxes CONFECTIONARY,
1 Case ground COFFEE, (in 1lb. Packages,)
5 Bbls. BILOT BREAD and BISCUIT,
5 Doz. pairs BROGANS, Mens,
1 Case American SATINETTS and TWEEDS, and a variety of other goods.

Terms liberal.

A. H. YATES,
Auctioneer.

March 20, 1856. Ex

AUCTION SALE

OF

Household Furniture and Farming Implements,

THE undersigned is instructed to offer at Auction on THURSDAY, 1st May next, at 11 o'clock, forenoon, on the premises at Spring Park,

The Household Furniture, Farming implements and Live Stock, together with Hay and Oats, &c , the

Property of Lieut. Colonel Gray.

TERMS.—All sums under five pounds cash on delivery; sums over five pounds a credit of six months, on approved notes of hand.

JAMES MORRIS.
Auctioneer.

Charlottetown, March 20.

VALUABLE PROPERTY.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the ninth day of April next, (1856,) at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, at the Colonial Building in Charlottetown, pursuant to License, duly granted for that purpose by his Honor the Surrogate and Judge of Probate of this Island, bearing date the Twelfth day of February, A. D. 1856. All the Right, Title and Interest of the late Honorable DONALD M'DONALD, of Glenaladale, Township Number Thirty-six, (36) deceased in and to the following Land and Real Estate,

Namely—All that Tract, Piece or Parcel of Land, situate, lying and being in Division No. Four, (4) on the Plan of the Estate of Castle Tioram, from actual survey in July 1828, and filed in the Plan Office, made by the late William Cattle, bounded as follows, that is to say—Commencing at a square stake fixed on the north edge of the East Post Road, or so-called St. Peter's Road, in the east boundary of a tract of Land in possession of Robert Cairns, thence (according to the magnetic north of the year 1764) north for the distance of One hundred and nine (109) chains, or until it meets the south boundary of Division No. five, (5) thence east for the distance of Twenty-nine (29) chains to the north-west angle of Division number Three, (3) thence south for the distance of Thirty-four, (34) chains to the north boundary of the old Glebe and School Land, thence west Twelve (12) chains and Fifty (50) links, thence south Sixty-one (61) chains to said Road, thence following the various courses of the said Road South-westwardly to the place of commencement, containing Two hundred and twelve (212) acres of Land, a little more or less, and is part of Lot or Township Number Thirty-five, (35) in Prince Edward Island.

The above Land will be sold in several Plots or Divisions, For further particulars, and conditions of Sale, apply to the Subscriber at Glenaladale, or at the Office of the Honorable Joseph Hensley, in Charlottetown.

JOHN ARCH. M'DONALD,
Administrator of the Estate of the said late
Honorable Donald M'Donald.

Charlottetown, 1st March, 1856.

School Books.

HASZARD & OWEN, have now on hand the various Books used in the District Shools.