

The advantage to our commerce of having a "live Government," will be shown by the line of steamers which will shortly ply between Halifax and St. John, in Canada, and Pernambuco and Rio Janeiro, in South America.

The following despatch from Ottawa appears in the Halifax Herald:

"The arrangement of details in connection with the transference of the Pacific Railway to the new Syndicate was concluded last evening and the agreement was signed, but, owing to it is said, to some trifling informality in the power of Attorney of one of the agents representing one of the foreign stockholders, remains to be rectified before approval by the Governor-General. The agreement will not be given to the public for a week or ten days yet. Parliament, it is semi-officially stated, will be summoned several weeks earlier than usual—probably before Christmas—in order to give as early an opportunity as possible for the whole matter being discussed and acted upon by the people's representatives. It is stated in well informed circles that Hon. Mr. Baby will, within a few days, be raised to the Bench of the Supreme Court of Quebec, and that two prominent French Canadian gentlemen will be sworn in the Privy Council in place of Messrs. Masson and Baby before many weeks."

Archibald Forbes.

A few days ago, we were honored by a visit from two representatives of the productive industries of the Mother Land; and now we have among us a very distinguished British soldier and member of the British Press. Mr. Archibald Forbes arrived in this city yesterday morning, and is staying at the Rankin House. His name is a household word. Indeed, the brilliant exploits of the hero of the Ride from Ulundi are so fresh in the memories of the people, that Mr. Forbes hardly requires an introduction to any English-speaking community. It may, however, be interesting to know that he is in appearance, as he has over and over again proved himself to be indeed, "every inch a man." Of more than average height, he does not impress one as tall because of his fine proportions. His head is square and massive, well supported by his neck. His features are frank and show perfect self-possession and equanimity, even temper and good nature. His blue eyes are quietly observant beneath level eyebrows. His hair is gray and short, but his appearance is youthful for his years. Mr. Forbes is a native of Morayshire, where he was born in 1838. He received his education at the University of Aberdeen. After leaving the army he associated himself more or less directly with the London press, and his articles on military subjects in the newspapers and magazines quickly attracted attention. He at length became editor of the London Scotsman, and conducted that paper very ably for a time. When the Franco-German war broke out he accepted the position of correspondent for the London Morning Advertiser. When the siege of Metz was in progress Mr. Forbes returned to the British capital, and resumed the control of the Scottish organ. This only continued for a short time, and then he again appeared at the seat of hostilities on behalf of the London Daily News, with which organ he has been ever since more or less associated. People have often wondered how Mr. Forbes has ever been enabled to write those long and graphic letters, masterpieces of war literature and fresh with the spirit of the event, after the deadly fatigue of a long and perilous ride from the front to a place where he could forward them promptly by telegraph. It is because he has everything ready beforehand. On the battlefield, while the shells are bursting around and bullets whistling past, a correspondent is rather apt to be nervous, having nothing to do but look on, and not with his attention occupied by solid work, like a soldier. So Mr. Forbes made it a point to occupy his attention with good solid work too, in the form of incessant note-taking. This he does whatever the situation, and the occupation given his mind makes it heedless, if not oblivious, of the danger surrounding him. These notes he writes down plainly in the present tense—something which give actuality to his letters, so that the reader has a sense of sharing the writer's participation in the scenes—and, if he should be wounded, he could hand his note-book to some one with instructions what to do; there would be no difficulty in reading the notes, and therefore the material would not be lost in such a case though most likely delayed. In taking these notes, he takes pains to choose his language deliberately, carefully rounding his phrases, and even ransacking his brains for fitting quotations. If there is a place where he knows that a quotation would be apposite, and if he cannot recall it at the time, he leaves a space blank for it, to be filled in afterward. By this means, when tired out with his long journey, Mr. Forbes arrives at the place where there is a telegraph station, he does not have the labor of composition upon his mind, but simply that of transcribing his notes. With many men, composition under such circumstances would be impossible. With a man of Mr. Forbes' splendid physique and capacity to bear great mental strains, it would not be impossible, but it would doubtless have had the effect of prematurely shattering his system. Beside, letters written after such exertions would be quite different things from those that have given him his fame; every word straight from the vintage of war, with the bloom of battle fresh upon it. On reaching his journey's end Mr. Forbes has sometimes relieved himself of the labor of writing by dictating from his notes, but he has seldom allowed himself this luxury, acting on the

principle that a war correspondent, to be certain of having his work reach its destination, must do everything himself. For, be it known, the telegraph clerks upon whom he must depend can rarely understand a word of English. The dispatches must be given them literally, letter for letter, just as they are to be forwarded. Therefore, they must be in a plain schoolboy hand, and Mr. Forbes (we are told) has the knack of writing a schoolboy hand rapidly. In a conversation with a Boston reporter, Mr. Forbes said that the war correspondent must be a courier as well as a soldier and a journalist. And of the three, said he, "I would place the courier above all. For it does not need brilliant writing but clear statement of facts. A penny-a-liner with the qualification of courier, is worth more than the best trained journalist without. Of what avail is the best material if cannot be forwarded after it is obtained? Some of the most brilliant fellows have proved complete failures in the field for lack of taking this foresight. A war correspondent must carefully lay all his plans for getting back to the place of communication in a way to be prepared for any emergency. He must be ready to push his way through and over everything; if there is a river, swim it; he must brave every danger; he must be prepared to fight, to kill, if need be; at all cost, keep his line of communication open. He must have fresh horses ready for him along the route, with men on the qui vive for his coming. If his horse drops dead by the way, he must take off the saddle and carry it on his back, for a saddle of vital importance, and his next horse would be useless without it. He must know how to humor his horse. I am a heavy man, but have rode a horse 30 miles where light men have worn out their horses in 10 miles. He must be able to have a solution on the instant for every problem that presents itself. And for all this he must have carte blanche from his journal."

Mr. Forbes has been knighted by several sovereigns and he has a large number of decorations which, however, he does not display.

His lectures in Halifax were attended by the elite of the city and were wonderfully successful. The directors of the Mechanics' Institute netted a very handsome sum as the result of their enterprise in engaging Mr. Forbes. At New Glasgow a complete surprise awaited the speaker. From the small size of the town and the threatening appearance of the weather, it seemed likely that a small attendance would be in order. But the Hall, when Mr. Forbes entered it, was a solid mass of people. Special trains were run from Antigonish, Hopewell, Stellarton and Pictou, resulting in the largest audience ever seen in the town. At Pictou on Saturday night, he also had a very large house, though only a day's notice was given and a terrific rain storm prevailed.

To-night he lectures at the Academy of Music on "Royal People I Have Met."

The box sheet for this lecture is already full with the exception of the rear row.

The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock by one of our leading citizens.

The lecture to-morrow night, "The Inner Life of a War Correspondent," is a series of sketches of his own personal adventures in search of news; a description of the personnel of various well-known correspondents and their methods of collecting and conveying information. It contains many humorous incidents and closes with a most graphic, exciting and marvellous description of the great battle of Plevna—a piece of word painting which stands unrivalled in all the wide range of descriptive writing.

Death of a Veteran.

SERGEANT ALLEN, Master of the Government Poor House of this city, has received intelligence of the death, in Montreal, of his old comrade and friend—Sergeant James Campbell, late of Her Majesty's 20th Regiment, and has furnished us with the following outline of his military career: Sergeant Campbell was at the landing of the allied forces at Old Fort Crimea, 14th September, 1854, twenty-six years ago. He was present at the battles of Alma, Balaclava and Inkerman. He also performed trench duties. In 1857 he embarked on board of the "Champion of the Sea" for the Indian mutiny. He landed at Calcutta on the day of the capture of Delhi. After three days he proceeded by train to Raneegunge, one hundred and fifty miles from Calcutta. After fourteen days in camp he marched to Benares, where he joined General Franks' division. He fought at Chanda and Sultanpore, and was twenty-one days and nights storming the city of Lucknow, where he was promoted to the rank of Hospital Sergeant. He was present at the Nuggardistrict affairs and three small engagements with Sir Colin Campbell. Having completed his time in the army, he was pensioned, and settled down at Montreal, and served nine years in charge of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, much beloved by all who knew him. Time and again he was highly recommended for good conduct and good management of his care. He leaves a wife and two sons to mourn his loss. Sergeant Campbell was one of the last of the heroes of the Crimea—Sergeant Allen who gives us this account and who accompanied the deceased in all his campaigns, being, however, still alive and hearty.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, Oct. 25—10 a. m.

Fresh northwesterly to southwesterly winds, fair cool weather.

HON. R. W. SCOTT, author of the "Scott Act," was recently assaulted in Ottawa by a man named Sullivan, for whom he declined to take legal proceedings.

SEVERAL large bears have recently been killed in the vicinity of Ottawa.

Attempted Suicide.

ON Thursday last, an elderly woman named McKenna, living on Dorchester street, attempted suicide by swallowing an ounce of vitrol. The services of Dr. Conroy were immediately procured, and it was with much difficulty, the unfortunate creature was saved from instant death. She still lies in a very dangerous position. When she bought the fatal dose, she said it was for dyeing purposes.

AT Lorne Valley, Lot 52, on Wednesday evening last, an insane man named John Monroe, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a knife. He would have succeeded were it not for the intervention of an old woman, named Flora Campbell, with whom he resided a short time ago. Monroe attempted to inflict bodily injuries upon Miss Campbell with an axe. He was taken to the city on Thursday last and committed to jail for want of securities to keep the peace.

ON Saturday evening, Dr. McLeod, held an inquest on the body of Mary Small, who committed suicide at St. Peter's Road, on Saturday. A verdict to the effect that the deceased came to her death by suicide while under a fit acute mania, was rendered.

No 1 Labrador Herring at George Carter's, Great George Street.—o25 1w eod

THE Grand Division S. of T., meets on Thursday the 25th inst., and not on Wednesday as stated.

You can always get the best Tea at George Carter's.—o25 1w eod

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Halifax, 21st—Arrived sch. Sea Breeze, from Grand River; sch Dianthus from Charlottetown; cleared sch L P Churchill, for Charlottetown.

22nd—Arrived sch Winona, P E I; Margaret Mary McDonald, Crapaud; Lettie May, Grand River; Ella E, P E I; Bounty, Rustico; Emma Brown, Pownal P E I; cleared sch's. Escort and Lydia Robinson, for Charlottetown.

St. John's Newfoundland, 7th inst—Arrived Laodamia, from Charlottetown.

9th—Cleared sch Royal Arch, for Charlottetown.

APPLES, CIDER, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

I WILL sell at AUCTION, at my Sale Room, Queen Square, TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, 26th October, at 2 o'clock,—

50 bbls. Nova Scotia Apples, in No. 1 Gravensteins, Golden Balls, Bellefleurs, Sweets, Colverts, etc., etc.

25 bbls. American Baldwins, 5 bbls. choice Cider, from Grafted Fruit. Also a collection of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Stoves, &c.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

Oct. 25, 1880.

Rev. Dr. Leeming, N. S. W., WILL LECTURE ON SHAKESPEARE

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, THURSDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

Reserved seats 50 cents; Parquette 35 cts; Gallery 25 cents.

Ludlow Hall, Summerside—Mary Queen of Scots.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. TO-NIGHT, ARCHIBALD FORBES,

"Royal People I Have Met."

TO-MORROW—"Inner Life of a War Correspondent."

Tickets 75 and 50 cents. [oc 25

LABRADOR HERRING.

JUST ARRIVED, ex "Emelienne," 320 J barrels and half-barrels Prime Labrador Herring, landing at Peake's No. 2 Wharf.

GEO. COOMBS, Ch'town, Oct. 23, '80—6i Water Street.

Anthracite Nut Coal.

A SMALL CARGO, of 100 tons of the above is now on the way to the subscriber, and will be due here 1st November,—about 50 tons unsold, orders for which are solicited.

HORACE HASZARD,

Queen Street, Oct. 22, '80—4i

MRS. W. W. IRVING

IS now forming her AUTUMN and WINTER CLASSES in DRAWING and PAINTING, in all their different branches, from Model, Life, &c.

Intending pupils will kindly send in their names as soon as convenient.

Terms, &c., made known on application at her Studio, City Hotel, opposite R. C. Cathedral.

Ch'town, Sept. 11, '80—2aw tf

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.

TREMAINE

AND

METCALF.

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QUEEN STREET.

HAVING on hand, and arriving daily, a well selected lot of GENERAL DRY GOODS, which they hope is large enough for any family to choose from, take this opportunity to inform their friends and the clothes-wearing community that they intend to sell at lower prices than ever. Their New Dress Materials, in BEIGES and CAMEL'S HAIR, as well as other Dress Materials, will be found to be the Cheapest and most serviceable in the market.

Their Millinery department is replete with every novelty, at PROPER PRICES. They feel that all they need say about their MANTLES is that they are much superior in Style, etc., and Cheaper in price than last Fall; this is saying a great deal, when it is known they were at least 10 per cent. cheaper than any other House in the city. The Subscribers are confident they can please, and therefore invite the public to inspect their Goods before purchasing elsewhere.

83 Queen Street.

TREMAINE &

METCALF.

Ch'town, Sept. 22, 1880.

COAL. COAL.

Ex Schooners "Sarah Elizabeth" and "Minnie R. McKenzie."

JUST ARRIVED, and will be delivered on MONDAY, 25th inst., 157 tons LITTLE GLACE BAY ROUND COAL, warranted. This Coal has taken first prize in Halifax in 1879, and this year had no competition.

Also, 190 tons Pictou Nut Coal, which will be sold cheap while discharging.

CAPT. JOHN HUGHES, Oct. 23, '80—2i Water Street.

Scotch Splint Coal.

JUST ARRIVED, eighty tons SCOTCH SPLINT COAL, ex Brig. "SHAM. ROCK," from Glasgow, Scotland, which will be sold low. Apply to

OWEN CONNOLLY, Oct. 23, '80—6i

CHEBUCTO MARINE

Insurance Association! OF HALIFAX.

E. PALMER, Junr., Ch'town, Oct. 22, '80—1m Exchange Building.

TO THE PUBLIC!

WE beg leave to return our sincere thanks for the patronage extended to us during our first year in business, and hope, by strict attention, to merit a continuance of the same.

We have just opened a new and elegant assortment of

Fall and Winter Goods,

BROADCLOTHS, WORSTEDS, KNAPS,

TWEEDS, SCOTCH OVERCOATINGS, &c.,

Which we are prepared to make up at the

LOWEST LIVING PRICES

In our SHIRT DEPARTMENT will be found a handsome selection in all the leading styles, including the AMERICAN GRAND PRIZE MEDAL SHIRT.

In our Hat Department we have an exhibition a choice assortment in all the leading styles—English and American—which will be sold at a sacrifice.

Call and examine our Goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

BRUCE & MACKENZIE, Oct. 20, '80—eod 72 Queen Street.

TO LET.

A COMFORTABLE HOUSE of eight rooms, with good cellar and yard, situated east end of King street.

—ALSO—The rooms over my store in Queen street, very suitable for offices. Apply to

WILLIAM DODD, Oct. 18, 1880.

Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

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

LOST—On Sunday night, between Lower Queen street and Upper Prince street, a large Scotch Pebble Brooch. The finder will much oblige by leaving it at this office. o253i

EPIZOOTIC—The best remedy is for sale at the Apothecaries Hall, DesBrisay's Corner. oct 25 d e 1w

UMBRELLAS—The subscriber wishes to inform the citizens of Charlottetown that the business of Umbrella mending, &c., is still carried on at the old stand, opposite Mr. R. Bridge's meat store.—S. TATVIN. [oc 25 1m

WANTED—A General Servant. Apply to MISS SIMPSON, North Side Queen Square. [oc 23

PARTNERSHIP—Wanted in a well-established business in Charlottetown, by a person of considerable experience and some means. Address "Partner," Box 40, Charlottetown Post Office. [oc 22

TWO LARGE COWS—Suitable for stall feeding—will be sold or exchanged for new milch Cows. Apply at this office. [oc 22 3i wkly li *

WANTED—A first-class young man as Clerk in a Hardware Store. Must be well recommended. Apply by letter addressed P. O. Box 4. [oc 19 1w

FOR SALE—A lot fine Poultry, consisting of Plymouth Rock, Black Spanish, Hoodans, etc. Apply at the EXAMINER office.

LOST—On Wednesday night, 13th inst., on the Malpeque Road, between Charlottetown and Hon. G. W. DeBois, a "Cross-cut Circular Saw." The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office, or corresponding with JOHN GILLIS, Bradalbane. [oc 15 10i pd

COOK—A first-class COOK wanted immediately at the "REVERE HOUSE." Good wages. [oc 8 tf

McEwen House continues to receive permanent BOARDERS. Terms moderate. [oc 7

WANTED—A Servant Girl—one from the country preferred. Also, at Boy to attend to garden, coach house, etc. Apply at this office. [tf wkly