

The Normal School.

A YEAR ago it was our duty to censure pretty severely the members of the "Free School Government" for neglect of the Normal School.

Mr. L. H. Davies, as is his wont, made a pretty speech—at least it is so reported in the Patriot—in which he highly complimented the new Principal—Mr. Harper.

With Mr. L. H. Davies, we are quite convinced that as Mr. Harper's teaching capabilities become known, the prejudice against him will wear away.

The system of teaching introduced by Mr. Harper is, however, we think, very faulty. To drill children's minds by the squad is undoubtedly an easier task than to teach each child.

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THE French crisis is past. The President has accepted a Cabinet composed of Moderate Republicans. Great satisfaction is expressed on all sides.

Latest by Telegraph.

WAR NEWS.

[By Telegraph to Reading Room and Daily Examiner.]

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Suleiman Pasha is fortifying all the positions on the Lom, as it is expected that Greece will now participate in the war.

The Porte sent a note to the Great Powers, several of whom have acknowledged the receipt.

The Porte desires mediation, but says Turkey is not at the end of her resources, but desires to stop further effusions of blood.

The Turks burned and then evacuated Elena, which was occupied by the Russians on Friday.

Russia desires Turkey to treat directly with her for peace, and says it will only make terms harder to ask other mediation.

At a public meeting at Pesth six or eight thousand people were present, and urged the Government to resist further extension of Russian power, even with arms.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

Gold 102 1/2. Exchange 82 1/2 to 86.

GENERAL NEWS.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 17.

There is a big Temperance Reform in this city under McKenzie. Over \$2000 has been subscribed to the Club.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The Standard's Berlin correspondent says it is stated that an Englishman was arrested there at the request of the German military authorities on a charge of treason against the Empire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.

The Chicago Tribune's special telegram says: "At Bucharest it is reported that Elena has been recaptured with 1200 Turkish prisoners. Important orders were dispatched to the British fleet at Besika Bay at close of the Cabinet meeting yesterday, and the war steamer Rupert has left Constantinople in haste to convey orders to the Admiral. Another Cabinet Council will be held to-morrow at which every member will be present, a special Queen's messenger having been sent to each minister."

LONDON, Dec. 14.

A special despatch from Erzeroum to the Times says that Derby telegraphed the British consul there to leave the town, and this is considered in Erzeroum as foreshadowing a declaration of war between England and Russia.

A proclamation of the Serbian government has been issued announcing that the Serbian army has been ordered to cross the Turkish frontier.

Osman Pasha had three weeks provisions on hand and 10 days rations on his transport train for the whole army, but the immediate cause of his abandoning his intrenchments was the breaking out of an epidemic among the troops.

An insurrection has broken out in the province of Amyre, Crete. Turkish families and the inhabitants of other provinces sought refuge in the fortress. The Governor of Crete has sent troops to repress the insurrection.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 14.

In his speech from the Throne yesterday on the opening of the Turkish Parliament the Sultan declared that Russia had begun the war, and Turkey had been compelled to defend herself against aggression.

He especially approved of the formation of the Civic Guard. His non-Mussulman subjects had shown consciously a desire to share in the defence of the country; the constitution granted to non-Mussulman subjects perfect equality in the eye of the law.

The by-law provide for two 1st Lieutenants, two 2nd Lieutenants, two 3rd Lieutenants, a Marshall and a Treasurer, hence the election. The following are the officers: R. R. FitzGerald, Captain.

Alexander McKinnon and James McKee, 1st Lieutenants. George Peake and Charles Hermans, 2nd Lieutenants.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY.

TIME TABLE NO. 8. WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

To come into force MONDAY, DEC. 24, 1877.

TRAINS GOING WEST.

Table with columns: STATIONS, No. 1 EXPRESS, No. 3 MIXED. Stations include Georgetown, Cardigan, Mount Stewart Junction, Royalty Junction, CHARLOTTETOWN, Summerside, Wellington, Port Hill, O'Leary, Alberton, Tignish.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

Table with columns: STATIONS, No. 2 EXPRESS, No. 4 MIXED. Stations include Tignish, Alberton, O'Leary, Port Hill, Wellington, SUMMERSIDE, Kensington, County Line, Brakalbane, Hunter River, North Wiltshire, Royalty Junction, CHARLOTTETOWN, Royalty Junction, MT. STEWART Junc., Cardigan, GEORGETOWN.

SOURIS BRANCH.

Going West. Going East.

Table with columns: STATIONS, No. 5 MIXED, No. 6 MIXED. Stations include Souris, Harmony, St. Peter's, Morell, Lot 40, Mt St'w't Junc.

C. J. BRYDGES, Gen. Superintendent Govt. Railways. W. McKECHNIE, Sup't. P. E. I. Railway.

P. E. Island Railway, NORTHERN LIGHT!

In connection with the Winter Steamship A Special Train will Connect Closely.

TRAIN will leave Charlottetown at 6 a. m., on the mornings of the day on which the Steamer will leave Georgetown, arriving at the latter place at 9 a. m.

The Train will be ready immediately on the arrival of the Boat from Pictou and will start at once for Charlottetown.

This arrangement will continue during the winter, and until the "Northern Light" ceases to run.

WM. McKECHNIE, Sup't. Ch'town, Dec. 17th, 1877—6in

NOTICE!

NEVER in the history of the "LONDON HOUSE" have we been selling DRY GOODS so LOW as at present, and we would invite those in Town and country, who have not participated in the EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS we are giving, to call at once.

We only ask a personal inspection to show that we are, in good faith, SELLING OFF at the LOW PRICES advertised.

GEO. DAVIES & CO. Dec. 13th, 1877.—eod2w

HAY! HAY!

FOR SALE AT W. W. CLARKE'S. Water St., Ch'town, Dec. 1—eod 1/2

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Board of School Trustees of Charlottetown, at their Secretary's Office, until the

1st day of February, 1878,

for the erection of a Brick Building, four stories high (including basement) about eighty-eight feet by fifty feet, to be erected near the West end of Kent Street, for a Public School.

Plans and Specifications to be seen at the office of Thomas Alley, Esq., Prince Street, Charlottetown.

Tenders to be marked on the envelope, "Tender for building School."

Good and approved security will be required for the performance of the contract.

The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

ISAAC OXENHAM,

Secretary of the Board of School Trustees of Charlottetown.

Dec. 17, '77—2 in ow wky till 1st Feb.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S are coming. We begin to think about our presents. LEWIS has a large stock of splendid Chromos, Steel Engravings, and Lithographs, large and small.

Mouldings

He has Ten Thousand feet of Mouldings, thirty different patterns, all new, suitable for all kinds of pictures. Frames will be made and sold for 25 per cent. lower than any other place in the city.

Frames.

Fancy Frames, all sizes and kinds, from 12c upwards.

Albums, Mottoes.

Brackets, Wall Pockets, Cards, and Transfer Pictures in great variety.

Photographs

and GLACE PICTURES. If you want a good Photograph, go to LEWIS and you will get it. He has the best facilities in the city for making Pictures; besides, he knows how to make them.

Special attention given to Children's Pictures and Family Groups.

Old Pictures copied and enlarged, finished in India ink, water colors, oil, or crayon.

Also, the Photo-Enamel Picture. Persons wishing to learn to make the Photo-Enamel Picture can be taught in one lesson, for \$2. No art required.

For Sale, pictures of MR. & MRS. D. BANKS McKENZIE, large or small.

Don't forget the place—Upper Great George street (Thomas' Old Stand).

SNOW-SHOE CLUB!

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the HILLSBOROUGH SNOW-SHOE CLUB will be held on

TUESDAY EVENING NEXT,

at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., at the CITIZENS' SKATING RINK.

All members are requested to be present.

By order, W. H. LOCHHEAD, Sec'y.

P.S.—Any persons wishing to become members will please give their names in previous to meeting.

December 14, 1877.

Smoked Halibut, &c.

40 boxes SMOKED HALIBUT.

20 bundles DRIED POLLOCK.

For sale by HAZARD BROS.

December 14, 1877.

THE WEEKLY EXAMINER.—Persons having relatives or friends abroad, and desiring to keep them informed concerning P. E. Island, cannot do so in a cheaper or better way than by subscribing to THE WEEKLY EXAMINER. Sent, postpaid, to any address in Great Britain, the United States, or the Dominion, on receipt of One Dollar.

NOTICE.

All Persons indebted to the Estate of the late Hon. Patrick Walker, are required to settle up their Accounts within one month from this date.

The large and well-assorted Stock on hand will be cleared out at FIRST COST for cash only.

ANGUS J. MCCORMACK,

Manager.

December 17, 1877—2w

THE LATEST YET!!

THE new Patent CLOTHES-HORSE, the most complete ever invented, selling cheap. Also WANTED—a first-class Carriage Maker. Apply to

J. C. KEEFE,

Dec. 5, 1877. North Side Queen's Square.

VINEGAR—50 Casks White Wine. CARVELL BROS.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GENTS'

18 CARET, GOLD CASED WATCH CHAINS!

(20 Different Patterns.) Warranted to STAND the ACID TEST. Also, a great variety of GOLD PLATED WATCH CHAINS!

Seals, Charms, Necklets, Lockets, Brooches, Ear Rings, Bracelets, Cuff Pins, Shawl Pins, Shirt, Cuff & Collar Studs, &c., at

W. W. Wellner's Ch'town, Dec. 17, 1877—3i

Christmas Presents.

A LIMITED NUMBER of New and Curious

Toys and Fancy Goods,

at HAZARD'S Book Store, West Side Queen Square.

Intending purchasers, in order to secure the choicest articles, should call at an early date. Dec. 13—th fr m

NOTICE TO CAPITALISTS.

A Permanent and Remunerative Investment.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK ANTHRACITE COAL MINING COMPANY (Limited) offer for sale a portion of their Capital Stock in this city. For which purpose Mr. H. R. ROBERTSON, the General Superintendent, has recently been in town, and has appointed Messrs. CARVELL BROS. the Company's agent in Charlottetown.

This Company has been organized for the purpose of mining Anthracite Coal, which has lately been discovered in enormous quantities at Lepreux, Charlotte County, N. B.

Prospectuses and full information can be obtained at the office of CARVELL BROS.

December 13, 1877.

House to Let.

OF eight rooms, in good repair, lately occupied by Mr. A. McDougall. Immediate possession given. Apply to Mrs. A. McDougall, or the undersigned. None but a careful and good tenant need apply.

RICHARD WEEKS. Charlottetown, Dec. 13, 1877.—tt

P. E. ISLAND

Steam Navigation Co'y.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Share holders of the above Company will be held at their Office, cor. Great George and Lower Water Street, on FRIDAY, the 20th inst, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

By Order of D. DAVIES, Pres't,

F. W. HALES, Secretary S. N. Co.

Ch'town, 10th Dec. 1877.

WINTER EVENING SALES!

OPENING SATURDAY EVENING next, Dec. 15th, at 7 o'clock.

Goods and Small Wares of all kinds, closed out without reserve.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. No. 11 Queen-st., Dec. 13, 1877.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A MEETING of the Electors of the Third District of Queen's County will be held at

MOUNT STEWART,

Wednesday, the 19th December, inst., at 6 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of either corroborating the accusation of maladministration of the present Government, or justifying it for some of the Acts passed during the last session of the Legislature.

The Representatives of the District and other (especially the Honrs. W. D. Stewart and W. W. Sullivan) are respectfully requested to attend.

Called by the request of a large number of electors.

FRANCIS McQUAID, J. P.,

W. J. LOGAN, J. P.,

JOHN ALLAN McDONALD, J.P. Dec. 13th, 1877.

Christmas Carols!

USED IN

ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

FOR SALE AT

HARVIE'S BOOKSTORE,

Price 10 Cents.

TENDERS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, 29th Nov., 1877.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Office until noon of the 20th day of December next, from persons willing to contract to supply, for one year, the City Stables with Hay, Oats and Potatoes.

The Council will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.

WM. B. MORRISON, City Clerk.

Nov. 30—pat t 20th dec

SOMETHING NEW!

50 Sets of Silver-plated Dasher Rails of the latest pattern, for sale by

P. H. TRAINOR,

opposite the "Rocklin House," Kent Street, Dec. 11th, 1877.