

Local and Other Items.

THE CITY SMALL DEBT COURT will meet to-morrow.

THE SALE of white goods at Teer Bros. will continue one week.

THE THERMOMETER was as low this morning as the prices of what goods at Teer Bros.

THERMOMETER READINGS.—At 9 o'clock last night, 4 below zero; Coldest during night, 16 1/2 below; 9 o'clock this morning, 1 1/2 below.

ST. PATRICK'S HALL.—League of the Cross entertainment on Wednesday evening. A good performance guaranteed. General admission only ten cents.

H. B. C.—The members of the Hillsborough Boating Club are making preparations for a grand ball, which is to take place in their club-house shortly.

LEAGUE OF THE CROSS.—The Boys' Branch of the League of the Cross will give a Dramatic and Musical Entertainment in St. Patrick's Hall to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. The programme is a good one, and the different performers are well up in their respective parts. Admission only 10 cents. Let there be a full house. The boys deserve it.

PHILHARMONIC.—The education and refinement of the citizens as an individual are among the most powerful influences to raise intemperance and immorality that could be employed in any community, and we hope that the citizens of Charlotte town will show their appreciation of the efforts of the Philharmonic Society in endeavoring to create a general love of musical art in Charlotte town, by attending the Concert of Thursday evening.

Soiree Musicale.

MISS WILSON and her pupils, with the assistance of several lady and gentlemen friends, gave a very enjoyable musicale in the large hall in Wright's building, corner of Prince and Kent Streets, last evening. The hall, which was comfortably heated and appropriately fitted up, was filled with an audience made up largely of parents and friends of the pupils. The large and carefully-strung programme was well carried out. Little Cora Patton's recitation, "Dollie's Piece," was capitally given, considering the very tender age of the performer; and the recitations by the Misses Pope and Findlay were also good. The vocal duet, "Where are you going my pretty maid?" by Master Beer and Miss Davies, was, in the opinion of many of those present, the piece of the evening. The little ones certainly did well, singing and acting with a degree of correctness that would have done credit to older heads. The instrumental music by the Misses Davies, Paton, Houle, Robertson, Brecken, Perkins, Moore, Reid, Pope and Read, and Masters Perkins, Lord, Johnston, Irwin, M. Kinnon and others of the pupils, was very well rendered, the little ones acquitting themselves in a manner that reflected the greatest credit upon themselves and their instructor. Mrs. A. A. McLean, Miss Hamlyn and Mr. H. C. Wilson, favored the audience with vocal solos, and Messrs. Fletcher and Beer gave selections upon the cornet and violin. The piano music by the Misses Wilson, Laphorn, Fraser and Read, was excellent. Rev. Mr. Brewer and Mr. Sutcliffe were down for addresses, but both were unavoidably absent.

Natural History Society.

THE Parlor of the Y. M. C. A. was comfortably filled last night by an audience to which Dr. Leeming lectured for the Natural History Society, upon "Instinct and Intelligence in the Insect World." The lecturer is known to be learned and deeply read in entomology and to have had practical experience in the microscopic investigation of the subject, as well as mature experience as the result of faithful personal observation. The natural outcome of these advantages was a learned paper teeming with interest, which the Doctor intensified by his carefully prepared diagrams and beautiful models, especially those illustrating the structure of honey comb. The lecture began with a description of and contrast between the nervous systems of vertebrate animals and of insects, followed by various definitions of instinct formulated by different naturalists. The learned lecturer then instanced evidences of instinct and intelligence in the carpenter bee, wasp, mining beetle and many other insects, but reserved his fullest attention for the honey bee, whose division of labor and other duties, architectural knowledge and proficiency, habits generally and intelligent actions in emergencies, he treated of in exhaustive consideration.

The President and chairman, Hon. David Laird, followed the lecturer in one of his characteristically happy reviews, giving place to Mr. Bain, who, as usual, rewarded his listeners from his rich store of information.

Mr. Charles Palmer, Rev. F. W. Moore and Mr. Watson spoke in turn, the two last-named gentlemen respectively moving and seconding a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was unanimously supported, and acknowledged by Dr. Leeming. The lateness of the hour prevented what would have been an animated and instructive discussion in which such esteemed authorities as Messrs. McSwain and Newson, who were present, would probably have taken part. It is hoped that the wonders of the insect life will soon again be treated by some member of the Society following the initiative of Dr. Leeming last night.

NOTES.

Principal McSwain will probably read the next paper; his subject and the date of the lecture will be announced in due time.

Several persons have lately joined the Society and Judge Young has become a life member.

It was encouraging to see among the audience last night several teachers of the city schools, as well as a number of students now attending Prince of Wales College. It is surprising that more teachers do not greedily avail themselves of these popular science instructions.

It is not unlikely, that in order to supply material for more frequent public meetings, some of the interesting papers which were read last season before audiences reduced in numbers by other attractions, bad weather or the increased occupation of early spring will be repeated, as has been requested by many who were unable to attend the meetings.

THE TUNNEL QUESTION

Board of Trade Meeting

Report of the Tunnel Committee

At a meeting of the Board of Trade held last evening, the following report of the committee appointed at the previous meeting, was presented and read, and on motion of L. L. Beer, Esq., seconded by F. T. Newbery, Esq., was, after some discussion, unanimously adopted:

"The committee appointed for the purpose of suggesting the best means by which the project of tunnelling the Straits of Northumberland might be forwarded and brought more immediately before the people throughout this Province, have to report that having considered the best method by which their duties might be discharged, concluded their object would best be attained by waiting the return of Messrs. McLeod and Ferguson from Ottawa and ascertaining from those gentlemen the actual position of affairs, so far as the Dominion and Island Governments were concerned in this important project.

"In pursuance of this idea, your committee on Saturday last waited upon Messrs. McLeod and Ferguson, and, announcing their object, were cordially and frankly received by those gentlemen, who, in the course of an informal conversation occupying a considerable time, stated that the project of tunnelling the Straits had been earnestly and seriously enquired into by a previous delegation to England about four years since. At that time the idea before the public mind was that of a subway, but as the engineer recommended by the Imperial Government professed no special knowledge on the building of subways but little progress was made in that direction. The feasibility of tunnelling the Straits was however discussed at length with an eminent engineer, Sir Doug as Fox, but from the imperfect data in possession of the delegation they were unable to obtain an estimate which they would have felt justified in regarding as conclusive or satisfactory.

"For two or three years but little progress was made, when in the summer of 1890 it was ascertained by the government that the chief consulting engineer of Sir Douglas Fox, Mr. Palmer, would visit the Dominion in the interest of the Labrador Railway Co.; the opportunity of obtaining sufficient data on which to base an authoritative estimate was gladly recognized by the government, and Mr. Palmer was induced to visit our Island, and in company with members of the Island government, the Honorable George Howland, and our Island geologist, Mr. Bain, spent some time in a personal survey of the coast line of the Island and New Brunswick at the point of the proposed crossing—Cape Traverse and Tormentine.

"By this personal visit Mr. Palmer was enabled to collect all the information and data necessary on which to base an estimate of the probable cost of a tunnel. The Island government at once authorized the procuring of this estimate, and Sir Douglas Fox was intrusted with the very important work of furnishing same at the earliest possible day.

"Large specimen samples of our brick clay and Island made bricks have been forwarded since, and the government are looking for the report of estimate within a very few weeks.

"We are further authorized to state that the Dominion Government regard the prospect of tunnelling the straits favorably, and engaged to assume the full cost of an survey and estimate now in course of preparation.

"In view of the foregoing facts and impressed with the manifold benefits that would accrue to the people and commerce of this Island by the building of the proposed tunnel, your committee express the opinion that it can only be secured by the united and persistent agitation of the people throughout the Island, and therefore recommend that steps be taken by this Board to have meetings held in all the towns, village, and school districts throughout the Island for the purpose of having the subject discussed and strong resolutions passed calling upon the local Government to continue to urge upon the Dominion Government our claims to the building of the tunnel as the only feasible means of carrying out the terms of union. And further, that the electors at such meetings, irrespective of party politics, bind themselves not to support any candidate offering for election, either for the Dominion Parliament or local Assembly, who will not pledge himself to advocate faithfully and persistently the carrying out of this important project.

"Your committee also recommend that delegates be appointed from this board to attend and address such meetings in the principal places and urge the importance of the tunnel being constructed as necessary to promote the progress and prosperity of the people of this province.

"We also recommend that a mass meeting of the citizens be called in Charlotte town at the earliest possible date for the same purpose."

JAMES PATON, FENTON T. NEWBERY, L. L. BEER, F. H. ARNAUD, T. A. MCLEAN, GEO. PEAKE.

Weather Bulletin.

TORONTO, Feb. 3.—10 a. m. Gales at first east and south; increasing cloudiness, followed by snow or rain.

DIED.

At Pinett, on the 25th ult, Angus McO Murchison, aged 62.

CARNIVAL NEWS.—The carnival at the Hillsborough Rink this evening promises to eclipse anything of the kind heretofore given in this city. The building has been appropriately decorated for the occasion. Prizes will be given for the best costumes. Make a point of attending.

The Souris Carnival, to come off on Wednesday, the 4th inst., will, we feel sure, be even more successful than those previously held at that place. The managers are working hard to make it a success in every respect. There will be special fares along the line of railway.

The carnival to be held at the Summerside Rink, on Friday evening, will, without a doubt be one of the most successful held there in recent years. Everything possible is being done to make all who attend enjoy themselves.

THE ALLIED TRAIN WRECKER.—We learn from the Montreal Times that David Fenton is the name of the man arrested by the railway police for attempting to wreck a train on the I. C. R., near Anagnone, some time ago. Fenton is thought to be a little off in his upper story.

CARNIVAL

A Fancy Dress Carnival

WILL BE HELD IN THE HILLSBOROUGH SKATING RINK

ON Tuesday Evening,

3rd FEBRUARY NEXT.

Commencing at 8 o'clock.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made with a COSTUMIER, who will be in Charlotte town with a large assortment of Fancy Dresses.

Intending Skaters will oblige by sending in their names and characters to any of the Directors or to the Janitor as soon as possible.

Four Prizes will be Offered,

AS FOLLOWS:

Five Dollars for the Handsomest Ladies Costume.

Five Dollars for the Handsomest Gentlemen's Costume.

Five Dollars for the Ladies' Costume being best representation of character assumed.

Five Dollars for the Gentlemen's Costume being best representation of character assumed.

Admission, 25 cents. Skaters in Costume free.

THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

CONCERT

ON THURSDAY,

5th of February.

In Philharmonic Hall,

MENDELSSOHN'S

CELEBRATED

Hymn of Praise

WILL BE RENDERED.

Tickets for sale at Apothecaries and Medical Halls and Drug Stores of Messrs. Rankin, Watson and Reddie.

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LOBSTER PACKERS!

MANILLA, SISAL, MIXED, ROPE AND MARLINE,

Supplied Direct from Manufactory or from Stock—Lowest Prices.

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FOR SALE.

A CABINET ORGAN, Bell's, nearly new, eleven stops. Would do for a small Church. Will be sold at a large discount on price. Also—A Double-Seated Sleigh.

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WANTS, LOST, FOUND &c

WANTED.—By the 8th of February, a Girl for general housework. Good wages will be given to a suitable person. Apply at this office.

WANTED.—A good girl for general housework. Apply to Mrs. C. V. MCGREGOR, Prince Street.

FOR SALE.—A nice Building Lot at head of Alley Street near Prince Street, situated on high ground and in good locality, near Upper Prince Street Church and School. Price low and terms easy. Apply to GUYSON & COY.

February for Bargains!

PERKINS & STERNS.

Our Bargain Counter will be full of Cheap Goods during this month.

A JOB LOT OF EMBROIDERY.

300 Pieces Shirtings and Gingham, 200 Pieces White Cottons, Cheap, 700 Pieces Grey Cottons, 100 Pieces Ticking,

Print Cottons, Cretonnes, Muslins, Pillow Cottons, Sheetings, Table Linen.

BEST VALUE IN THE CITY AT PERKINS & STERNS' Charlotte town, February 3, 1891.

SWISS EMBROIDERIES!

One Case Opened To-day!

STANLEY BROTHERS, BROWN'S BLOCK.

Charlotte town, February 3, 1891—eod & wky

GREAT CLEARING SALE

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Fifteen Thousand Dollars' worth to be sold at a Discount of 20 to 25 per cent. for Cash only.

MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S BOOTS, SHOES AND SLIPPERS.

Special Lot of Misses' Fine Kid Boots, from 75 cents to \$1.25 regular prices from \$1.75 to \$2.75. Misses' and Children's Felt Overshoes, 50 cents a pair. Tremendous Bargains all along the line at the

DOMINION BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

JANUARY, 1891.

BEFORE STOCKTAKING, Great Bargains to Reduce and Clear

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING!

J. B. MACDONALD'S.