

Local and Other Items.

ENTRANCE and other matter crowded out. GOOD HOUSES.—The Boston Comedy Co. are paying to good houses in Halifax.

OUR EX-GOVERNOR SICK.—The Marquis of Lorne is seriously ill with disease of the throat.

BUFFALOES.—A large herd of buffalo are reported as having been seen about 100 miles west of Battleford.

THE EMPIRE.—The first issue of the Empire, the new Conservative paper in Toronto, appeared on Tuesday.

MAILS.—The Steamer Lansdowne left Point de Chene for Summerside at three o'clock this afternoon.

XMAS PRESENT.—Buy a ticket for the Ex-cessor Rink for your best girl, and present it to her as a Christmas gift.

APPOINTMENT.—C. C. Gardner, Esq., has been appointed a director for the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada.

MILITIA REPORT.—Major-General Middleton is preparing his annual report, which, he hints, will be of more than usual interesting character.

OUT AGAIN.—We are pleased to notice that Rev. Jas. Carruthers has so far recovered from his recent severe illness as to be able to move about again.

ETNOLOGICAL.—Mr. James Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist, will lay out an arboretum and a botanical garden at the Experimental Farm next spring.

ANOTHER PURCHASE.—We understand that Mr. Geo. Tweedy has purchased a splendid Cleveland Bay horse in the old country, which he intends bringing to the Island in the spring.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—There will be a meeting of the clergymen of this city to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A. to make arrangements for the week of prayer.

TEMPERANCE.—The Executive Temperance Committee will hold its regular meeting this (Thursday) evening, in J. D. McLeod's Hall, at 8 o'clock. Important matters will be discussed. By order of the Chairman.

QUERY.—Referring to an item in the Patriot of yesterday, the public would like to know whether or not Judge Alley has jurisdiction in Scott Act cases, and whether he has power in such cases to summon any person before him in the intervals of the County Court?

HOSPITAL NOTES.—Mathias Landrigan, the young man who swallowed his false teeth a short time ago is doing well and is now able to take liquids without the assistance of a tube. William Corish, who had his feet so badly scalded a few weeks ago, is also doing well.

AHEAD OF THE SEASON.—We look for big eggs about the first of May, and were not a little surprised when one of the largest that we have seen, the product of a hen belonging to Mr. Albert Duchemin, of this city, was brought into THE EXAMINER office this afternoon. The hen, we are informed, is now laying regularly, supplying Mr. Duchemin's family with fresh eggs for Christmas.

A COMPARISON.—The 198,000 English soldiers with their colors cost as much as the 428,000 regular troops in Germany, the round figures for both countries being \$94,200,000 a year. Huge as the German army is it has less officers above the rank of captain than the English army, and this, with the smaller pay, cheaper clothing, and rigid economy in all departments, helps to make up the difference in the cost of the soldiers of the two nations.

PUGILISTIC.—The great international prize fight for the Police Gazette diamond belt and \$10,000 stakes occurred on Sunday, near Rouen France. Kilrain had the best all through. 106 rounds were fought when the fight was stopped and match declared a draw. The fight was remarkable for the persistent wrestling Smith had the worst of the falls, but fought splendidly and was as fresh as Kilrain when darkness ended the contest. Betting was seven to two on Smith.

A BEAUTIFUL PRESENT.—The beautiful crayon picture of the late Father McGillivray, lately on view in the show window of Mr. Reddin's drug store, has been presented to St. Joseph's Convent by the brother of the artist, Mr. George M. Harris, Auctioneer. The picture is an excellent one in every detail, magnificently framed, and is highly prized by the good Superior of St. Joseph's as a souvenir of Father McGillivray, and as a mark of kindness and generosity on the part of the owner. The portrait has been assigned a place in the sociality hall of the Convent.

LAST NIGHT'S BAZAAR.—The Baptist Bazaar in the Market Hall yesterday evening was most enjoyable. The Hall was prettily decorated with spruce and bunting, which gave it quite a Christmas appearance. The arrangement of the different tables was so perfect that to look upon them was to feel hungry. As a consequence, they were well patronized. The Apron and Fancy Tables were filled with all the pretty nick-nacks usual at Bazaars, and which found ready purchasers. A curiosity shop was a new feature, but required a "Little Nell" for a tenant to have been more attractive. A fair amount was realized.

XMAS TREE.—The children of Miss Langtry's Catechism Class had their annual Christmas Tree last night. A programme of songs, dialogues and instrumental music, was interspersed with the distribution of gifts by a real Santa Claus from the great illuminated tree prepared in the hall. His Lordship the Bishop, Father Burke, and the gentlemen of St. Dunstan's congregation, were present to show their interest in the good work Miss Langtry is doing, and encourage the children to take advantage of their opportunities. The affair was a most enjoyable one, every youngster being delighted with the good things Santa Claus provided.

CHANGE OF BUSINESS.—We understand that Mr. P. P. Gillis, of the Union House, has purchased Mr. H. J. Kennedy's livery stable with all his stock and appointments. Mr. Gillis will give up completely his old business in the Union House on the 1st of January next, and will from that date assume charge of the livery stable which he intends running in first-class style. We commend the resolution Mr. Gillis has taken, and hope that many more of our liquor dealers will follow his example. Indeed it would be a great inducement to those against whom there is a sentence of imprisonment if such sentence were abrogated when the guilty party has given up the liquor business in a bona fide way.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Marshal's Case.

SIR,—In common with other citizens, I have taken an interest in the recent election on the Scott Act question, and later on in the very decided efforts being made by our noble temperance men in attempting to carry out or enforce the said Act in our city. I must, however, confess to some surprise at their recent action in influencing the City Council to carry out the manifest wishes of the citizens in the manner in which they have. I refer to the circumstances under which the change has been made in the office of City Marshal. There can be no doubt the change was earnestly desired by a large majority of law-respecting citizens, and desired purely and solely in the best interests of our citizens generally; but while this is undoubtedly the case, I am nevertheless strongly of the opinion that the same love of humanity by which their action is characterized would have led them to recommend that the present officer be accorded at least thirty, perhaps sixty days' pay from date of dismissal. It may be that the Committee considered it not part of their duty to make this suggestion, and preferred leaving the details to the good judgment of the present temperance majority in the Council. That being the case, will it not be wise, will it not be more humane, at the present season of the year, in view of the long service of the Marshal, and of the fact of a large household being dependent on him for their living, that the City Council vote him such a sum as in their judgment will meet the requirements of the case. I know Charlottetown people are behind none in their love and practice of that which is humane and beneficent, and I am strongly of the opinion that the above, or a somewhat similar suggestion would meet with their hearty approval. Apologizing for the length of this communication,

I am, yours faithfully, OBSERVER.

Ch'town, Dec. 21, 1887.

That Meeting.

SIR,—I observe that Mr. G. F. Owen, of Carleton Place, questions the correctness of your local of the 10th inst., which referred to the meeting called by him to discuss Commercial Union. Now, sir, I consider that your item was perfectly correct and that Mr. Owen is himself "slightly erroneous" when he tries to leave the impression that the meeting, though "slim," did actually take place. He is kind enough to publish the names of six persons who were at the hall on the evening of the 30th November. He was there too, I'm told, but his modesty has prevented him from mentioning the fact. This would make, all told seven, who were present. But the trouble is these seven were all speakers, and there was consequently no audience; or in other words, the preachers were in attendance, but there was no congregation. Hence, you were quite within the mark when you stated that the meeting did not take place. But Mr. Owen's meeting will, perhaps, come off yet—if not on the 21st, some time when people are not busy and the weather is finer. I rather think, however, that those who attempt to "boom" Commercial Union in this part of the country will find it up-hill work.

Yours, D. Montague, Dec. 17th, 1887.

The Marshal.

SIR,—As Mr. Flynn's services as Chief of Police have been brought to an abrupt termination, citizens naturally ask the question: Who is this George Passmore that is to succeed him? No one knows anything extraordinary concerning the man; but all must concede that the Temperance Divisions and Alliance have conferred a great boon upon him. But time alone will tell whether he will make as good a showing in the discharge of the not very agreeable duties of the position as his predecessor. In recognition of the bonanza job secured to him by the Alliance, he must endeavor to pass more Scott Act offenders over to justice than has been hitherto done. Aside from all this—when the City Fathers found it imperative on their part to dispense with Mr. Flynn's services, why not offer the position to Sgt. Cameron, a tried and faithful officer, instead of pitching an inexperienced person into the position, simply to gratify the whims of an overly zealous handful of persons. If the condition of things is bettered by the change, it is more than is expected by S. KOOPENDYKE.

December 22, 1887.

Christmas Dinner.

SIR,—I will be glad if the clergymen in the city will furnish me, as they did last year, with the names of the deserving poor in their several congregations. I have now over 100 geese to distribute.

Yours, &c., R. R. FITZGERALD.

Dec. 22, 1887.

A Suggestion.

SIR,—Would it not be well to call a public meeting of citizens at an early day, in the Market Hall, to discuss city matters; and also the high-handed act of the Council in dismissing Marshal Flynn.

CITIZEN.

DENONCING CORRUPTION.—A Quebec despatch says that as an outcome of the disclosures of terrible graft, debauchery in Laprarie county, Vicar-General Legare, at the prompting of Cardinal Taschereau, preached a sermon at the Basilica denouncing perjury and electoral corruption. It was a very pointed address, and made the Grits present feel uncomfortable.

PAY OF POLICE.—Privates on the Halifax police force now receive \$440 and \$40 extra for clothing; sergeants \$540, and detectives and deputies \$700 each. A new scale of wages has been adopted. Privates will be taken on at \$400 and increased \$20 each year to \$500; sergeants commence at \$500 and increase to \$600; detectives and deputies to start on \$600 and increase to \$800.

WINDSOR HOTEL.—Mr. Geo. Ives has finally severed his connection with the Windsor Hotel of Montreal.

The Jesse James Gang of Burglars,

AND HOW DETECTIVE SKEFFINGTON BAN THEM TO EARTH.

A correspondent of the St. John Star says—"For the past two years the people of Alberton have been subjected to a number of periodical burglaries. Stores and private residences were entered. The Rev. Mr. Carr's house and the railway freight shed were broken into, the latter three times. Not a great while ago the Dominion Government sent Detective Skeffington over to the Island and he spent three weeks travelling about in disguise, part of the time as a shoddy cloth pedlar. In the course of his peregrinations the detective learned that there was a regularly organized gang of about a dozen burglars, the captain passing under the name of Jesse James, and his lieutenant being known as Frank James. Having secured what he felt to be sufficient evidence to justify the step, Mr. Skeffington caused warrants to be issued against five of the gang, to wit, Henry McDougall, the leader; Frank Couglan, his lieutenant; James Fitzgerald, R. Shirlock and James Forsyth. Henry McDougall, who stands six feet one and a half inches, was arrested on the train going into Summerside by Detective Skeffington and county constable White. After being handcuffed by the detective, the prisoner was searched and a murderous pair of lead knuckles found on him.

The officers then proceeded to Alberton for the rest of the gang. As they approached a house where they expected to find some of the culprits, two of the gang rushed from the premises and made for the bush. Skeffington fired at their fleeing heels, and they subsequently gave themselves up.

The warrants having been duly executed, the five prisoners were taken to Summerside, and at the preliminary investigation two of them turned Queen's evidence, resulting in the other three being committed for trial at the court of Queen's bench at Summerside in June next. Mr. Wyatt, barrister of Summerside, prosecuted for the government.

Rev. Mr. Carr is about having an indictment laid against the prisoners for burglarizing his house, and Mr. Ireland is taking like steps as to their breaking into his store and stealing clothing. The prisoners vary in age from 25 to 30 years, and some of them are married men.

The people of Alberton are much rejoiced over the effective manner in which detective Skeffington ferreted out and captured the gang.

Local Notices.

A World Typewriter, for sale. Apply to G. H. Haszard.

G. M. HARRIS sells parlor, dining and bedroom furniture on the Market Square to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

SLEIGHT.—Nice coasters for 35 cents at the Diamond Bookstore.

A FULL set Pitouresque Canada for sale. Apply to G. H. Haszard.

SLEIGHT ROBES.—Real Wolf and Japanese Robes—a big stock selling low at J. B. Macdonald's.

YOUNG LADIES' JOURNAL.—The January No. of this popular monthly at the Diamond Bookstore.

MAKE yourself happy by buying your overcoat, suit, or refer and gent's furnishings at your own figures at D. A. BRUCE's.

REMEMBER the large auction sale of Furniture, Carpets, Stoves, etc., to-morrow, at 1 o'clock. One very fine Sultana as good as new.—G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer.

SPECIAL discounts in Fur Coats and Sleigh Robes to parties intending to make a New Year's gift to a clergyman or friend at D. A. BRUCE's.

A CALL at B. DAVIES & Co.'s will ensure you splendid bargains in goods most suitable for Xmas Presents. A complete line of Gents' Furnishings at the lowest possible prices well shown up. A nice and fresh range of Underclothing, in Scotch and Canadian manufactures, for 38c. and upwards. Also, at prices that cannot be beaten, Fur Caps, Fur Coats, Kid Mitts and Gloves, fur-topped and warmly lined Astracan Gloves, with kid and cloth fronts; Hard and Soft Hats, best manufactures; English and American White and Colored Shirts, Linen Collars and Cuffs, best brands; Silk Handkerchiefs, Pins, Shirt and Collar Studs, Neckties, Confectionery, &c.

BUY your Xmas confectionery and cake at Quirk's City Steam Bakery.

OVERSHOES.—Neat, warm and nicely lined; good rubber soles. Gents' and Ladies' American and Canadian Overshoes at Goff Bros.

FRUIT, Plum, Sherry, and Wine Cakes, Apple, Raspberry, Lemon, Cocoanuts and Washington Pies at Quirk's City Steam Bakery.

A GREAT supply of Rubbers and Overshoes just received at Goff Bros.

CALL at the new Hardware Store and see the display of cutlery, silverware, skates, etc. Skates only 75 cents a pair. dec 21 31

CAPE COD Cranberries at Beer & Goff's.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

POSTPONEMENT of Sheriff's Sale, previously advertised for sale on Friday, the 16th inst., on the Market Square, will take place on FRIDAY NEXT, at Mr. Stevenson's Building, Queen Street, at the hour of Eleven o'clock, a.m., 147 pairs of Mens' and Womens' Boots, and a lot of goods and merchandise in great variety. Terms Cash.

—ALSO— At the Market Square at 12 o'clock, noon: 1 Horse. 1 Wagon. 1 Set Harness.

Levied on by Writ of Attachment—Matheson against James Stewart, an absent debtor. Terms Cash.

JAMES CURTIS, Sheriff. Dated 17th December, 1887.

APPLES, ONIONS, RAISINS.

BY Auction, at my Salesroom, Dec. 24th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m. Fifty bush Apples, in Baldwin's, Spyres, Pippins, Kings, &c. AL SO 25 boxes Raisins. 5 brls Onions.

G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer. Dec. 31, 31, 1887.

NOTICE.

IN consequence of Christmas Day and New Year's Day happening on Sundays, His Worship the Mayor has ordered that Monday, the 26th day of December, inst., and Monday, the 2nd day of January, next, be observed as Civic Holidays.

By order, A. H. MACPHERSON, City Clerk. Dec. 21, 1887.—2i

REDDIN'S

DRUG STORE.

Headquarters for XMAS GOODS.

MEEBISCHAUM and Briar Pipes, Gents' and Ladies' Cases, Ladies' do, Push Goods, Brass Goods, Celluloid Goods. N. B.—The best Essences, Peels, &c.

D. O. M. REDDIN, JR. Dec. 15, 1887—11 431

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Dec. 7, 1887—1f

CHRISTMAS

GOODS.

—AND—

NEW YEAR

GOODS.

WE have imported, direct from England, some magnificent Raising, that we believe are as good as any ever imported here, and we can sell them cheap. Don't buy your Cooking Raisins until you see these.

WE have a splendid stock of Layer Raisins, Currants, Pure Spices, Flavoring Extracts, Candied Peels, Figs, Prunes, Nuts, Oranges, Lemons, Halfwin Apples, Green Grapes, Confectionery, &c. These are specially imported for Xmas trade.

WE have also a large stock of Flour, Tea, Sugar, Molasses and Kerosene Oil.

WE are direct importers, and can sell as low as any store in the City. We are all ready for a big Christmas trade.

GEO. CARTER & CO.,

MARKET SQUARE, CH'TOWN. Dec. 16—oaw wky

WANTED—MEN, Women, Boys and Girls to sell our "Pictorial Budget of Wonders and Fun," the brightest and best juvenile work, and the first and only Canadian subscription book of the kind; comprising Fairy Tales, Comical Stories, vivid descriptions of wonderful things, remarkable animals and birds, strange adventures, side-splitting illustrations, funny poems, caricatures and grotesque tableaux. Be quick and commence before Xmas. Send 50c for Prospectus Copy and complete canvassing outfit, to W. E. EARLE, St. John, N. B.

J. S. ROBERTSON & BROS., Publishers. Dec. 13, 1887—2aw & wky

WANTS, LOST, FOUND &c.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—About a fortnight ago, a small English black and tan dog, about seven months old. A reward will be given any person leading information which will lead to the recovery of the same. Apply at this office. dec 22 1f

WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. R. R. Fitz Gerald, Mount Edward Road. dec 21.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a first-class family sleigh in perfect order. Also, a box sleigh. Price \$1.50. Information which will lead to the recovery of the same. Apply at this office. dec 21 31 pd

BEER & GOFF'S BROS. Good Goods, Latest Styles, Lowest Prices. BEER & GOFF'S BROS. Bargains in Every Department. Xmas Goods. Fur Goods. Dress Goods. Jackets, Ulsters. Carpets, Oilcloths. All kinds of Dry Goods and Millinery at Lowest Prices. Ch'town, Dec. 8, 1887.

Buy Your Christmas Supplies at BEER & GOFF'S, where you will get everything Fresh, Good and Cheap.

WE have on hand a very Large Stock of Choice Groceries, all of which will be Sold at the very Lowest Cash Prices, to suit the times. RAISINS—Over 8,000 pounds, Cooking, Seedless and Table Raisins. CURRANTS—Over 4000 pounds choice, clean fruit. CANDIED PEEL—Citron, Lemon and Orange. FLAVORINGS—Lemon, Vanilla, Almond, Cloves, Cinnamon, &c., &c. SYRUPS—Lemon, Raspberry and Lime Juice. CANNED GOODS—Condensed Coffee, Peaches, Pineapple, Corn, Tomatoes, Peas, Oxtongue, Sardines, Corned Beef and Dried Beef, Salmon, Lobsters, &c., &c. BISCUIT—Oswego, Sugar and Ginger Wafers, Coffee, Orange, Shrewsbury, Oatmeal, and a Large Assortment of Plain and Fancy Biscuits. CONFECTIONERY—A very fine assortment of Mixtures, Chocolates, Caramels, Creams and Fancy Goods.

Oranges, Lemons, Apples, Figs, Dates, Pickles, B. powder Almonds, Filberts, Walnuts, &c., &c. CHEAP FOR CASH AT BEER & GOFF'S, Queen and King Squares' Stores. Dec. 13, 1887.—eod & wky

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WHEN you have read the advertisements over, DON'T FAIL to come to D. A. BRUCE, and be convinced that his Stock of WINTER CLOTHS is not surpassed by any house in the trade. We have a large range of Naps, Meltons, Suitings, and Pantings, which are offered at prices that will suit you; —IN—

Gents' Furnishings, Fur Caps, Fur Coats, Sleigh Robes, Hats, Gloves, Neckwear, &c. GENUINE BARGAINS OFFERED. Before purchasing your winter OVERCOAT come and see our stock.

D. A. BRUCE, CUSTOM TAILOR. Ch'town, Dec. 2, 1887—eod & wky

NEW STORE. NEW GOODS.

STEWART & GATES beg to inform their friends, and all who will favor them with their patronage, that they have opened a New Grocery Store, in the premises formerly known as "the Seven Cent Store," where they are prepared to give as good value for your money as any house in the trade. We import direct, and pay cash, and as our expenses are light, we are in a position to do as we say.

FLOUR, Choice Brands. TEA, Very Choice. SUGAR, All Qualities. BEST AMERICAN KEROSENE OIL, Very Cheap; a large assortment of General Groceries which we will Sell Very Low.

Give us a call and see if we do not mean what we say. Goods delivered to any part of the city. J. STEWART, A. GATES. Dec. 2, 1887—tu th fri sat