

Local and Other Items.

BAND at the Rink to-morrow afternoon. Go EARLY to the Oratorio Concert to-night. The Grand Sacred Concert comes off to-night. Best Hand-made Boots, French Calf, worth \$3.50, now selling for \$5 at J. C. Sprague & Co's. Hon. L. McMillan is, we are pleased to see, again able to attend to his Legislative duties. A NUMBER of members of the Legislature were last evening entertained at dinner by Premier Sullivan. Go and hear the Grand Chorus from Messiah (with Orchestral accompaniment) to-night at the Y. M. C. A. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR McDONALD, last evening, entertained a number of members of Provincial Parliament at dinner. THE Toboggan Slide will be open this evening. If the weather is fine, Worth's Band will be in attendance at 8 o'clock. PORK is coming in rapidly. The specimens exhibited at the Market to-day were good, some porkers weighing as heavy as 650 pounds. The price was from 5 to 6 1/2 cents per pound. THE Market to-day was small. Prices with few exceptions unchanged. Fresh butter sold at from 20 to 25 cents; eggs at from 12 to 14 cents; and oats had an upward tendency at 36 cents per bushel. BOSTON is now enjoying a regular supply of dressed beef from St. Louis, and is therefore no longer dependant upon the Brighton market for its local supply. The beef, which is forwarded in refrigerator cars, is sold at auction daily, by the quarter, terms cash down. A PARTY of English tourists, accompanied by a guide, stopped in front of a picture of the Battle of Waterloo in the Musee at Brussels. The guide, striking an attitude, said sentimentally, "This is the Battle of Waterloo in which the brave Belgians, assisted by the English, conquered Napoleon the 'Great'." THE Hockey Club will play a match or two at the Rink to-morrow night. The games will be interesting as strong teams have been selected. The Cornet Band will be in attendance, and an admission fee of ten cents will be charged. Proceeds in aid of the band. Those who want to see a good evening's sport should attend. HEAVY SENTENCES—Joseph Armstrong and George Buck, the two men charged with highway robbery, were brought before Justice Armour at the Guelph, Ont. Assizes, on the 11th inst and pleaded guilty. His Honor, after giving the prisoners a severe lecture, sentenced them to fourteen years each in the Kingston penitentiary. THE famous Holstein cow, Echo, owned by F. C. Stevens, proprietor of the Maplewood Stock Farm, at Utica, N. Y., which gave birth to male triplets, March 4, died on the 7th inst. Her owner refused \$25,000 for her, and was offered \$5,000 for a calf, if male. It had the largest milk record in the world. The calves are doing well. MR. HENSHAW, ex-President of the Board of Trade of Montreal, stated to a reporter a few days ago that he had been informed by Sir John Macdonald that no bankruptcy law would pass Parliament unless it contained a relief clause giving all bankrupts who had acted honorably, concealed nothing, and gave up everything, a discharge. SIR JOHN MACDONALD on the 16th inst., received a dispatch from Norvin Green, of New York, offering to pay up the \$150,000 due workmen on the Snow Shore Line, within ten days, provided the Government agree to give his company the contract which they forfeited by not beginning the work within the time specified. The whole matter under this new proposal will come up before the Cabinet this week. To test the purity of water there has been found no better or simpler way than to fill a clean pint bottle three-fourths full of the water to be tested, and dissolve in the water half a teaspoonful of the purest sugar—loaf or granulated will answer—cork the bottle and place it in a warm place for two days. If in twenty-four to forty-eight hours the water becomes cloudy or milky it is unfit for domestic use. The only difficulty we see in making the test is obtaining the sugar. It is no simple matter now a-days to get the sugar pure from the grocer. TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.—A magazine containing 6,000 pounds of nitro-glycerine, at the Rock Glycerine Company's works, Howard Junction, three miles from Bradford, Pa., exploded on the 10th, with terrific force. W. H. Harrington, one of the proprietors, and H. N. Pratt, an employee, were killed. The factory, 25 feet away, was blown into fragments. Pratt's body was found 200 feet away. All his bones were broken, but his skin was intact. One or two pieces of flesh was the only trace found of Harrington. Trees were torn up by the roots and great holes made in the earth in the vicinity. The explosion shook the houses in Bradford. A KING'S COUNTY correspondent writes: "The contract for the building of the bridge across St. Peter's Bay was awarded to Hugh L. McDonald, Esq., of Cardigan. It is needless to say that it is in good hands, as Mr. McDonald has already given proofs of his ability in this sphere of business. The bridge, with its approaches, will be one of the longest in the Province, and therefore will cost a large sum of money. It may be looked upon by the electors of St. Peter's as a monument to the Administration of the Hon. Mr. Sullivan, and representative of their district, and whenever he appears again in St. Peter's for re-election, he will be returned by a large majority at the head of the poll." ZION CHURCH SOCIAL came off last evening very pleasantly. The attendance was not large, owing to the storm and attractions elsewhere. If the ladies had fixed on the date of Prof. Wiggins' disturbance, instead of the day after, they would have secured a finer evening and a larger house. Tea was served from 5 o'clock, and a well-stocked refreshment table was also liberally patronized. At 8 o'clock the Pastor took the chair, and gave a pleasing speech on "Sociability." The choir sang a number of anthems, Mr. Laird made a few remarks appropriate to the time and place, and readings or recitations, mostly of a humorous nature, were given by Miss Ellen Lawson, Miss McKay, Messrs. J. M. Davis, T. A. LePage, James H. Good and Alex. McPherson. The latter gave in intelligible broad Scotch the only and authentic account of how the new minister worked the conscience-stricken parishioners on the fiddle question, proving that he was a religious violin. The proceeds of the Social amounted to about \$50.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.]

The Soudan War.

A BRIEF ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ARABS.

Seven of the Infantry Killed

After the Skirmish.

Osman Ready for Battle!

Mahdi's Waning Power.

SUAKIN, March 19 (1.30 p. m.) The mounted infantry and scouts, supported by the main body of all the corps marching 600 yards behind, advanced to the base of a range of low hills near Hasheen. The Indian contingent and cavalry during this movement scouted and skirmished on both sides of the line of march along the entire front. The scouts reached the summit of the hills and discovered the Arabs had massed in the valley. The Arabs at once retired into positions of shelter, but fifty remaining in sight. This position continued until the British advance reached the ridge of hills. The Hadendowah tribe of hostiles then rushed from ambush in which they had lain, and made an attack. During this, Captain Birch was speared through the shoulder. The Arabs succeeded in this rush in getting within ten yards of the British line before the latter opened a regular fire, which the enemy promptly replied to. Three of the infantry and several of the Hadendowahs were wounded. Five of the infantry were killed. Among these was Lieutenant O'Connor whose horse had been shot from under him. The object of the reconnaissance having been attained, the British retired, the Arabs showing no disposition to follow. The British infantry and the guards were left in the road half way between there and the Hasheen Hills supporting the Indian contingent. During the brief engagement on the ridge, the Bengal cavalry took many prisoners. It was ascertained by the reconnaissance that the Arabs were in large bodies along the entire range of hills, and were evidently massing. SUAKIN, March 19 (evening.) After the skirmish, Gen. Graham's right, consisting of the British Infantry, Indian Infantry and Guards, began the advance towards Haudabah. The mounted infantry and Bengal cavalry, in renewing the reconnaissance, occupied Hoshum and found Osman Digna withdrawing his forces from Tanai. The concentration of the Arabs was effected in unusually good order. Scouts report that Osman is prepared to give battle between Tanai and Samanie, and they estimate the number of Arabs from 7,500 to 10,000. CAIRO, March 17. The bitterness of feeling shown by the English toward the French is due to the hostility of the paper, *Leopold Egyptien*, which is constantly inciting the natives to oppose the British. The Mahdi's adherents declare that before the summer is far advanced, Gen. Welsley's army will be cut off from Cairo. LONDON, March 20. Scores of despatches in the morning papers confirm the reports of El Mahdi's waning power.

The Anglo-Russian Dispute.

An Advance on Herat Urged by Russians.

LONDON, March 20. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Post states that a council of war was held at St. Petersburg this week, and that several officials and staff urged an immediate advance upon Herat. LONDON, March 19. The Times' Hong Kong correspondent says there are signs that the Chinese will soon come to terms with France.

Making a Royal Mason.

LONDON, March 19. Last night in Royal Alpha Lodge, in the presence of a large company of Masons, Prince Edward, heir presumptive to the English Throne, was initiated by the Prince of Wales, his father, heir apparent Grand Master, and at the same time a working Mason in the office of the Worshipful Master. When the ceremony was completed, the young Prince was seated in the place of Honor, and witnessed such work as is restricted to the first degree. The Lodge being closed in due time after its labors, the members adjourned to a banquet where the initiate, sitting next "His Worshipful Master," according to ancient custom, received the congratulations of his elders.

Three Scott Act Victories.

TORONTO, March 19. Voting took place on the Scott Act to-day. The counties of Lambton and Elgin and the City of St. Thomas, also in Ontario, and resulted in its being carried in all three by large majorities. There was an election in the County of Missisquoi, Quebec, which resulted in the defeat of the Act by 40.

Northcote's Withdrawal.

LONDON, March 19. Sir Stafford Northcote will withdraw from the Conservative leadership in the House of Commons at the close of the present session, owing to the unabated discontent of many members of the Conservative party. He will be succeeded by Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

The Prince of Wales' visit to Germany.

BERLIN, March 19. The Prince of Wales and party arrived here. They were met at Central Railway Station by the Crown Prince, Frederick William, Princess Victoria and staff of the British Embassy.

Bismarck tries to Maintain Peace

PARIS, March 19. It is semi-officially stated that Prince Bismarck has offered to arbitrate between England and Russia in regard to the Afghan boundary dispute.

Parliamentary News.

OTTAWA, March 19. House met at 3, and after preliminary, Chapleau introduced a bill providing for the registration of documents with Registrar-General.

Sir John introduced a bill respecting Electoral Franchise. He explained that the bill was on the general lines of the bill introduced last year.

Blake said he thought the Premier should have introduced the Bill earlier in the session.

Sir Leonard introduced a bill relating to the constitution of the Treasury Board, and explained that the Bill provided that the Board should be composed of six members instead of four. One of the additional members to be Secretary of State, in consequence of work connected with Civil Service examination going through his department. The sixth member will be appointed by the Governor-General, with a view to have, as near as possible, all the leading Provinces represented on the Board.

Blake objected on the ground that increase would impair its efficiency. He objected to provincial distinctions being kept up.

Sir John said in the earlier stages of Confederation it was advisable to have at least two members in the Cabinet from each of the larger Provinces, and enable the Government to travel the constitutional road of union with as little difficulty as possible. He said it was often difficult to get these four together. The quorum would now be four, and by having six the chances were greatly increased that work would not be delayed.

Chapleau said it was the intention of the Government to introduce legislation during the session dealing with the Chinese question.

Pope said there were on the C. P. R. thirty-five grades exceeding ninety feet to the mile.

Sir Leonard said no official communication had taken place respecting the development of trade relations between Canada and Mexico.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces. TORONTO, March 20—10 a. m. Fresh west and northwest winds, comparatively cold weather.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE

Charlottetown March 20, 1885. Highest Temperature yesterday, (read at midnight).....36.7 Lowest Temperature yesterday, (read at midnight).....9.0 Lowest Temperature this morning.....15.3 Temperature this morning, at 8 o'clock.....20.4 Temperature this afternoon at 1 o'clock.....34.0

P. E. Society.

P. E. Society meetings in the Uigg Hall are quite lively and interesting this season. We were lately favored with two lectures. The first was delivered by our talented friend, Mr. Donald McKinnon, subject, "P. E. Island." The audience listened with marked attention to a well written and well delivered paper. Mr. McKinnon is a young man of unquestionable ability, and is to be congratulated on this, his first appearance on the lecture platform. The second was delivered by the Hon. Donald Ferguson, subject, "Love of Country." The lecturer commenced by giving striking illustrations of patriotism of ancient and modern times, together with good selections from poets who showed their patriotic feelings by their impressive songs. Mr. Ferguson thought Canadians would compare favorably with any people in the world for their love of country. And spoke for some time on the power and influence of the press for good or evil. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered on both occasions to which they made suitable replies.

A MEMBER.

PROBABLY as curious an article of export as is often carried in an ocean steamer, was lately taken out to New Zealand. It consisted of a consignment of "bumble-bees." At present clover does not "seed" in that country, though it grows readily, because there are no bumble-bees to fertilize the flowers. The importer hopes that the bumble-bees will save him \$5,000 a year in clover seed.

TENNYSON'S latest American visitor found the poet with a pipe in his mouth, as usual, and alongside of him on the floor a jar, two feet high, filled with Virginia tobacco, the gift of James Russell Lowell. The Baron has no cancer as yet.

DIED.

At Wood Islands, on the 10th February, of intermittent fever, Daniel Joseph, youngest and dearly beloved son of Archibald and Mary Ann McIsaac, aged four years and six months.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled. Suddenly, at Neponset, Mass., on 31st Jan., George D. Wright, formerly of Charlottetown.

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McMILLAN'S DEPOT, Duncan's Old Wharf, March 7—Si wky 4i

Perkins & Sterns.

White Cottons, Grey Cottons, Print Cottons, SHEETING COTTONS, PILLOW COTTONS, FLEECY COTTONS AND ALL OTHER COTTON GOODS, WOOLEN GOODS, SILK GOODS, &C., AT VERY LOWEST PRICES. PERKINS & STERNS. Ch'town, Feb. 20, 1885.

Great Bargains!

For the next 30 days we offer the balance of our Dry Goods at a

LARGE DISCOUNT!

as we are shortly to make a change in the business.

Special Lines of Goods are MARKED DOWN to Prices that are Bound to Sell Them.

Don't Fail to Call Early if You Want Bargains.

We require a Prompt Settlement of all Accounts due up to date.

Remember the place: Desbrisay's old stand, opposite the Market House.

W. & A. BROWN & CO.

Charlottetown, Feb. 7, 1885

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Remember this Month Closes our

GREAT SALE!

C. ROBERTSON.

Ch'town, Feb. 6th, 1885

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

THIS is to certify that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, carrying on business under the style and firm of Bremner Brothers, has on this third day of March, A. D., 1885, been dissolved by mutual consent. Dated this 3rd day of March, A. D., 1885, at Charlottetown, in Prince Edward Island, W. H. BREMNER, BENJ. BREMNER.

Referring to the above, I desire on behalf of the late firm to thank the public for the very liberal patronage bestowed in the past, and to inform them that the good will of the business has been transferred to Mr. John Coombs, Queen Street. I would respectfully request all of our former customers to place their patronage with Mr. Coombs, whose facilities for doing the best class of work in Mercantile, Fancy and Book Printing, Book-binding and Blank Book Manufacturing, at the lowest prices, and in the shortest time, are unequalled in the Province. BENJ. BREMNER.

Regarding the Dissolution Notice of Messrs. Bremner Bros., above, I beg to state that I will have, from this date, in my business, the practical assistance of Mr. Benjamin Bremner, who will be pleased to see all his former customers at my office, 18 Queen Street. JOHN COOMBS.

March 5, 1885—1mo wky 2mo

SALT, SALT, SALT.

IN STORE:

5,000 Bags of Liverpool Salt. 2,000 do Fishery do.

PEAKE BROS & CO. Ch'town, Feb. 14, 1884.

THE VIOLIN.

MR. VINNICOMBE is now prepared to take a limited number of pupils for Violin instruction by "Dancla's" conservatory method, which is so complete that each pupil is enabled to form a part of one harmonized body, thereby making the tuition a pleasure instead of the old class drudgery. Pupils preferred from 12 to 16 years of age. For terms apply at his residence, Water Street. Ch'town, Feb. 14, 1885.