

The Fire Department.

The City Council meets to-night to see what's to be done about the resignation of the Fire Department. Probably the best thing the City Fathers can do is to reconsider their dismissal from the Board of Fire Wardens (without cause or notice) of Messrs. Peake, Koughan and Crabbe. It is of prime importance to the City that the Fire Department should not at once be deprived of nearly all the best and most experienced men in it. Even though new men are appointed, the Department cannot be expected to work well on any sudden emergency.

Politics in England.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* taunts the Opposition with mysterious reserve in refusing to discuss national affairs. The people believe that the prospect of Germany attacking Russia is daily increasing. Sir Stafford Northcote, at the Conservative banquet at Leeds, after comparing Mr. Gladstone to Zadkiel, of *Almanac* fame, and declaring that his prophecies are ridiculous, and always disproved by the event, reminded his hearers that Lord Beaconsfield's Cabinet turned Russia in the hour of her triumph from the gates of Constantinople, and said that there was a good time coming, and that it would be folly to bewail the misfortunes of the past. He added that the fears of distress in Ireland were increasing, and that the Government was rapidly maturing measures of relief. The Right Hon. W. H. Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty, claimed at the same meeting that Lord Beaconsfield's policy was peace, and that no annexation of territory has ever been contemplated unless Imperial interests compelled it. The independence of Afghanistan has been respected as long as was possible. Sir William Vernon Harcourt, in a ringing speech at Oxford, declared the burden of all the criminal blunders that had been committed lay on the Tories and prophesied that the first day of the new Parliament would be the last day of Tory rule. Sir Charles Dilke writes a letter proposing to call the attention of Parliament to the executions at Cabul. Mr. Gladstone attacked Sir Stafford Northcote's "Blundering misrepresentation of the finances" on Friday. Mr. Foster wrote to approve the annexation of the Transvaal, on the ground that the Boers protect slavery, and the English will destroy it. This declaration of Mr. Foster has very much annoyed the Liberals. Indeed, Mr. Leonard Courtney, M. P., formerly one of the editors of the "Times," writes to that journal to say the same line of argument would justify an iniquitous annexation of Afghanistan. There are everywhere indications of a break in the Liberal Councils on the question of Lord Beaconsfield's foreign policy.

The Sublime Porte Makes an Explanation.

The Porte has addressed a note to Sir Austin Layard, the British Ambassador, in reply to the latter's ultimatum on the prosecution of Koller, a German missionary, for distributing religious tracts. The Porte argues that the proceedings of Koller justified the seizure of his papers, which were only returned out of regard for England; that Ahmed Tewfik the Mohammedan priest, deserves the punishment awarded to him in conformity with the religious laws of the country, and that he was liberated only by the clemency of the Council. The Porte expressed satisfaction at the resumption of official relations with the British Ambassador.

The wind is unseen, but it cools the brow of the fevered one, sweetens the summer atmosphere, and ripples the surface of the lake into silver spangles of beauty. So goodness of heart, though invisible to the material eye, makes its presence felt; and from its effects upon surrounding things we are assured of its existence.

The Clarendon Hotel, Ottawa, building is at present undergoing a renovating process, prior to its being occupied by the Art Exhibition, which will be held for two or three weeks during the coming session. Afterwards the building will be prepared for the reception of the Geological Museum, which will be opened on the first of June.

A Montreal inventor has just succeeded in securing a patent for a new kind of air brake for railroad trains. The advantages claimed for it are, that the power is applied to the rear car, or caboose, of a train first, preventing "telescoping;" that the power already existing is made use of; that the power may be applied to only a few of the rear cars, but at the same time bring the heaviest train almost immediately to a standstill.

Hon. Mr. Langevin, Minister of Public Works, and the Hon. Mr. Bowell, accompanied by Mr. Scott, Chief Architect for the Public Works Department, have been at Belleville, their object being to examine lots suitable for a public building for the Post office, Excise and Weights and Measures office.

Hon. Mr. McKenzie has been requested to appear before the Dominion arbitration case of Barnard, who claims \$225,000 on account of a contract for constructing a telegraph line to British Columbia. The evidence so far shows the claim to be unsatisfactory and to justify Mr. McKenzie in resisting payment.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents

To the Editor of the Examiner.

DEAR SIR,—I notice in late issues of the paper rather an extraordinary advertisement headed "Public Meeting at the Head of St. Peter's Bay," signed by two very respectable Justices of the Peace, calling a meeting on Friday next, at the hour of 12 p. m. I presume that this meeting is intended to be held not at night but in the day time, else some of the gentlemen therein invited to attend would not have an opportunity of appearing in the true light. We are told in Holy Writ that "a certain man made a great supper and invited many." Following this example, a great many have been bidden to come to the feast at the Court House, at St. Peter's, on the 30th ult. First there is invited the local Representative—not *Representatives*, as one might reasonably expect. Who is the local Representative referred to? As Mr. Hooper is decidedly the most local man, it is he, I infer, that is respectfully requested to attend. Why is the popular leader of the Local Government not bidden to the feast? Then the Dominion representatives of the County are overlooked. Why is this, I ask? Has the ex-Commissioner of Public Works and his leader become so suddenly popular in the 2nd District of King's, that their presence is so respectfully sought after? Surely the intelligent electors of St. Peter's can manage to represent their local and provincial wants without the aid of "prominent politicians" from Queen's County. Y.

Hurrah for Daily Mails Once More.

MAILS VIA THE CAPES.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—The truly wise and prophetic editor of the East has overdone the thing in his two last issues. In the issue of the 15th inst., he heads his leader, "A Step Onward," and according to the prophetic word of "A Step Onward," has already been taken, viz., that of sending the mails via Capes Traverse and Tormentine the balance of this season and, no doubt, ever after.

In the last two leaders of the *K. C. A.*, the frog story is repeated, inasmuch as what appeared to be fun for the *Advertiser* seemed to be death to the reading and mercantile public of this Province, &c. only getting two mails a week, and only one last week. How silly to go on weekly boasting because the steamer was enabled during this very warm and fine winter to make from two to three trips a week; and not content with useless puffing, the *Advertiser* was pleased to slight the Capes route and the bold veterans of fifty years' experience and useful practices, and many others, old fogies, narrow-minded creatures, misdirecting public opinion, and dog-in-the-manger like—a word borrowed, by the way, and only applicable to himself.

In the article under review (no doubt the one that sent the mails to go via the Capes in future) the weather-wise editor says "that by the Capes route other years we had only one mail a week and sometimes less, was far oftener the case." I merely quote this to show the style of this literary genius, so that the people may judge of his truth as a prophet and eloquence as a writer. In the next breath he calls loudly for another powerful steamer to assist the present one to carry two to three mails weekly during fine weather, as they must necessarily go via the Capes when the ice comes down, or perhaps that one of the steamers may be ice-bound at Carriboo Island whilst the other may be on this side.

That this winter is unusually mild, no thaws followed by hard frost to make ice, is patent to all. Consequently, as yet we have not much drift ice in the Straits to hinder navigation—at least none at the Capes to hinder the *Northern Light*, and still we have had but few mails by the Georgetown-Pictou-Carriboo Island route—whereas if the Steamer was at the Capes we could easily have round or return daily trips; and it is really too bad that the *Northern Light* doesn't try the Capes at once, and thus shorten the route from Charlottetown, Summerside, and the west, to St. John, the U. S., and all points west of Moncton, by at least eighty to one hundred miles—and that our Dominion representatives are all fully determined to cause the two short branches of R. R. to be constructed next summer. Let us begin at once—and begin by the proper route—a step onward via the natural channel—via Capes Traverse and Tormentine. Yours, etc.


Jan. 26th, 1880

The Duke of Argyle and the Marriage of the Princess Louise.

The Duke was much scandalized when informed that he had committed an unconstitutional act in advising the Queen to bestow her daughter on his son. A dependent of this great man's observed that "it was only the Radical newspapers that said so," but Argyll looked grave. As a member of the Queen's Government in 1870-1, he was unquestionably responsible for the marriage, and any political consequences which might have resulted therefrom. The advice tendered by the Duke conjointly with his colleagues may be best described as one of those little political indiscretions which no statesman can help committing half-a-dozen times in his career. It was no worse a one than that of a Premier who gives his wife a Poerage or himself a Garter. When the Princess was first introduced to the Ladies Campbell, one of them asked:—"Shall we call you Louise?" Her Royal Highness made no answer. In spite of this damper, the Duke was very happy and proud of the connection, as he had reason. For if some forty Princes and Princesses were to die in good time, he might find himself one day grandfather of a Defender of the Faith. When the Marchioness of Lorne came to Inverary Castle, the Duke made his tenants a great feast and himself called on them to give "three cheers for the Princess, his daughter."—*Truth*.

The elaborate essay of Joseph Tasse, M. P., in which he institutes a comparison between Sir John A. Macdonald and Lord Beaconsfield, has been translated into English, and will be published in pamphlet form.

GOLD MEDAL, PARIS, 1878.



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BY ALL DEALERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

MR. EARLE'S CONCERT

Will be Repeated for the Benefit of the AMATEUR Quintette Club

Y. M. C. A. HALL,

Monday Ev'g, Feb. 2nd,

With a slight change of Programme. S. N. EARLE, Musical Director. January 27, 1880—6i

TERPSICHORE HALL!

SECOND TERM, 1880.

NOTICE—The Second Term of the Dancing School will commence on FRIDAY EVENING, the 30th inst., at the usual hour. A Juvenile Class will be opened on TUESDAY, the 3rd FEBRUARY, at half-past 3 o'clock.

The Dumb Bell and Department exercises will be carefully taught in this Class. P. S.—Private Lessons given at hours to suit applicants. E. BURRIS.

Jan. 27, 1880—2i

ZION CHURCH CONCERT.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL in connection with Zion Church will give a Concert and Literary Entertainment, IN THE BASEMENT,

Thursday, the 5th February.

Assisted by the Choir and several musical instruments, we intend this to be one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season. Admission 15 cents; children 10 cents. Doors open at 7½ o'clock; concert to commence at 8.

D. M. FRASER, Musical Director. J. A. LAWSON, Supt. S. School. Jan. 26, 1880—2aw wth, pres pat ar

Valuable Property for Sale.

THAT FARM lately owned by John and Peter Meikle, situate on Lot 23, in Queen's County. For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod, Charlottetown. Jan. 9, 1880—eod

Finnan Haddies.

JUST RECEIVED per *Northern Light*, choice lot of Finnan Haddies, at FISH MARKET, Grafton Street. Jan. 17, 1880.

The New Year Has Come,

BUT MANY PERSONS have failed to come and settle their accounts. The subscriber respectfully requests all parties owing him, either by

Note of Hand or Book Account, To Settle the Same at Once.

J. QUIRK. Jan. 2, 1880—9i eod, h ne 3w



MAIL CONTRACTS.

TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa, until noon on FRIDAY, the 20th FEBRUARY NEXT, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails on proposed contracts, for four years, from 1st April next, over each of the following routes, viz.:

Albany and North Tryon, Bedeque and Charlottetown, Bonshaw and Nine Mile Creek, North Tryon and Tryon.

Printed notices containing full information as to conditions of proposed contracts may be seen, and blank forms of tender may be obtained, at the Post Offices at which the services commence and terminate, or at the office of the subscriber.

W. W. McLEOD, Asst. P. O. Inspector. P. O. Inspector's Office, Charlottetown, 15th December, 1879.

LONDON HOUSE. JANUARY.

During this month we will sell at

Reduced Prices,

to clear our stock in the following departments, viz:

MEN'S AND BOYS' ULSTERS, OVERCOATS & REEFERS.

MEN'S AND BOYS' FUR CAPS,

LADIES' Fur Caps and Muffs, LADIES' MANTLES & ULSTERS.

The balance of our Wool Goods,

PROMENADE SCARFS

BREAKFAST SHAWLS,

CROSS-OVERS, &c.

Splendid lines of

DRESS GOODS,

AT 10, 12 AND 14 CENTS PER YARD.

TERMS CASH.

Geo. Davies & Co. Jan. 3, 1880.

CHARLOTTETOWN Mutual Fire Insurance Co'y.

OFFICE HOURS, from 10 a. m., to 1 p. m. H. V. PALMER, Acting Secretary. Secretary's Office, Kent Street, Jan. 26th, 1880—1wk eod

FOR SALE.

2 PEDLARS' SLEIGHS, all complete; running part new. Price low.

—ALSO— 1 Light Wood Sleigh, price \$6 only. 1 Box Sleigh, price only \$6. 1 Light Sleigh, suitable for hauling water. HENRY COOMBS. Jan. 26, 1880—3i

THE 'BUDA' FLOUR,

AND OTHER Choice Brands, FOR SALE AT BEER & GOFF'S. Jan. 12, 1880.

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE Co-Partnership heretofore carried on by the Subscribers, under the name of Dorsey & Jost, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due by the Firm will be paid by R. K. Jost, to whom all parties indebted to said Firm are requested to make payment—at McGill's old stand, Queen Street.

JOHN DORSEY, RICH'D K. JOST. Charlottetown, Jan. 15, 1880—rg ar pat 3i

NOTICE.

I TAKE this opportunity to inform the public that I have leased the new Shop recently fitted up at McGill's Old Stand, on Queen Street, a few doors below the London House; and having bought the Stock and Machinery of the late Firm of Dorsey & Jost, I shall be prepared, in a few days, to carry on the Boot and Shoe business in all its branches. Custom work a specialty—on cash principles.

JOHN DORSEY. Ch'town, Jan. 15, 1880—ar pat

Herring. Codfish.

CHEAP FOR CASH,— 50 bbls. Herring, 100 qtls. Codfish, 200 bags Salt. D. SMALL, Head Queen's Wharf, opposite I. C. Hall's.

To Fisheries and Factories.

ONE TON AMERICAN MANILLA MAR-LIN (Tanned and White), Cotton Lines, Twines, Leads, Hooks, Bait Mills, Fishing Anchors, Cotton Ducks (light and heavy), 100 coils Manila Rope, Hemp Rope, Wire Rope, Paints, Oils, Tar, Oakum, Ships Chandlery, Sail Making, Light Ducks for Boats' Sails. D. SMALL. Jan. 21, 1880—ti

S. S. "NORTHERN LIGHT,"

WILL MAKE DAILY TRIPS between Georgetown and Pictou, until further notice, (Sundays excepted) leaving Georgetown at 6 a. m., and Pictou at 1.40 p. m., weather permitting.

WM. MITCHELL, Agent o Dep't. Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1879.

COOKED CORNED BEEF,

Most Economical for Family Use, being More than Twice its Weight of Uncooked Meat.

Sold by the lb. and in Tins,

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GOLDEN SYRUP.

Very Choice.

8 CTS. PER POUND,

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HOMINY!

4 Cents Per Pound,

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