

We can but faintly represent the deep feelings of regret and sympathy which pervade this city on account of the very sudden death of the wife of His Worship the Mayor. Mrs. Dawson came to town yesterday afternoon, apparently in excellent health. She made several calls; and then went to take tea and spend the evening at the house of the Rev. F. Moore. She partook of a hearty repast, and was in good spirits throughout the evening, until nearly nine o'clock. She then retired to the bedroom in company with Mrs. Moore; and, while examining some fancy work there, she is reported to have said, "Oh, such a dreadful pain in my head." Immediately after, she complained that she was sick; and, in a few minutes, expired. So sudden was the sad event that, before her husband, who was in his place in the City Council, had time to reach her side, her spirit had passed away from earth.

Mrs. Dawson was a daughter of W. S. Compton, Esq., formerly of this city. She was, at the time of her death, in her forty-seventh year. She leaves, besides her bereaved husband, eight much-loved children—to mourn. She was a kindly, charitable lady, and enjoyed the friendship of a large number of persons in every class. Her sudden death was a great shock to the community.

The Public Accounts Again.

On a closer investigation of the Public Accounts, for 1879, we find the case more favourable to the present Government than we presented it on Thursday. By reducing the receipts and payments made within the year to ordinary revenue and expenditure, the operations of the year are as follows:—

Ordinary Revenue, . . . \$237,182 58
Ordinary Expenditure, . . . 229,132 47

To show that this statement is thoroughly correct, we reproduce the figures:—

Total Receipts for 79, \$285,662 00
Deduct refund from Dominion Gov't. \$39,526 69
Public Lands, amount of difference between Receipts and interest 3,552 72

47,879 47
Ordinary Revenue . . . \$237,182 58
Total payments for '79 313,842 27
Deduct ar. rears of 1873 . . . \$60,071 95
Less 1 quarter's salary to teachers carried forward.. 21,164 16

33,907 79
Const. Assn. 43,679 23
Less amount belonging to 1878.. 8,270 61

35,346 62
Expenses in connection with the small-pox at Alberton . . . 2,875 79
Elections . . . 3,922 00
Legislation (short ses'n) 3,229 00
Expenses of reception Governor-General.. 2,170 17
Extra Expenditure on Government House.. 1,741 60
Delegation to Ottawa on Fishery Question 503 46

91,117 78
\$222,724 49
Add amounts outstanding belonging to expenditures of 1879.. 6,407 98

\$229,132 47
Excess of ordinary revenue over ordinary expenditure \$8,050 11

Probably the only part of the above statement which requires explanation is that in reference to the receipts from the Land Office. We take the ground that only an amount equal to the interest of money expended in the purchase of estates should be classed as ordinary Revenue. Our opinion on this point is sustained by the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the year 1878, of which Mr. James W. Richards was Chairman, and Messrs. Calhoun, Farquharson and McMillan were members. In their report which may be found on page 216 of the Journals for 1878, they say, "To make a correct comparison of Revenue and Expenditure, it is necessary to reduce both to what we consider ordinary Revenue and Expenditure. To do so it is necessary to reduce the Receipts at the Public Lands Office by an amount equal to the difference between the interest and the actual receipts at that Department."

The ordinary Revenue for the last three years stands as follows:—
in 1877, \$269,723 50.
" 1878, 297,017 52.
" 1879, 237,182 58.

The ordinary Expenditure for the same period is as follows:—
in 1877, \$269,810 98.
" 1878, 334,837 44.
" 1879, 229,132 47.

The figures given above for the years

1877 and 1878, for ordinary Revenue and Expenditure, are taken from the Reports of the Committees on the Public Accounts for these years.

From a Return laid on the table of the House in response to a question from Mr. Farquharson, we learn that the expense of maintenance of the Prince of Wales College and Normal School has been—
in 1873, \$8309 84.
" 1879, 6840 69.

The Canadian Academy of Arts.

THE EXHIBITION AT OTTAWA.

His Excellency the Governor-General opened the first exhibition of the Academy of Arts, at Ottawa, on Monday last. He was attended, on the occasion, by a brilliant suite; and everything that could be done by His Excellency was done to give eclat to the ceremony. Our Toronto exchanges have long accounts of the Exhibition. The Toronto Globe says:—

"Almost every artist and art connoisseur who has visited the present Exhibition has noted a very marked improvement observable in the character of the pictures as compared with those seen in any collection ever brought together in this country. Pictures that have occupied prominent positions in public favor heretofore are at this Exhibition passed by almost unnoticed, simply because whatever good points they have are overshadowed by the more recent productions of our best artists. In this Exhibition it is not alone necessary that a picture should be well drawn, well-coloured, harmonious, and pleasing in its general effect. It is now necessary that a picture should express an idea, and that powerfully; and it must be confessed that there lies the real difference between artists of real genius and mere skillful painters. The latter may for a time succeed better than his more ambitious fellow, but the time will come when the true artist will be enabled to state in unmistakable language the ideas he would convey, and when that time comes his work becomes as much superior to the mere picture painter as is the sublime language of Shakespeare to the glib and soft-flowing measures of nursery rhymes. Another very gratifying feature of the present Exhibition is that some of the more ambitious works of our Canadian artists show themselves fully capable of holding their own alongside the productions of many more popular masters of the present day from the other side of the Atlantic.

The task of nominating the first Academicians devolved upon his Excellency as patron. The following are the first to fill that distinguished position:—Allan Edson, Montreal; D. Fowler, Amherst Island; James Fraser, Toronto; Jas. Griffiths, London; Eugene Hanel, Quebec; R. Harris, Ch'town; L. R. O'Brien, Toronto; H. Sandham, Montreal; Mrs. Schrieber, Toronto; F. C. Van Lappen, Montreal; Jas. Smith, Toronto; T. S. Scott, Ottawa; William Storm, Toronto; J. M. Martin, Toronto.

Her Royal Highness contributed five paintings which were, of course, the centre of attraction.

Respecting the contributions of Mr. R. Harris, the Toronto Mail says:—

"The Chorister," by R. Harris, exhibits the force and character of this artist, who has recently established himself in Toronto. It has been much admired by the best critics. Mr. Harris is a native of Prince Edward Island, from whence he proceeded to study art in Europe. He was a pupil of Le Gros in London, and Bonnat in Paris, the latter being, perhaps, the most reliable painter living, his portraits of Guizot, Thiers, and other great Frenchmen having recently augmented his distinction. Mr. Harris has evidently largely adopted Bonnat's solidity of style, the Boy Chorister in this picture standing out in bold relief. * * * Turning from specimens of the old school, which cannot fail to be attractive, to modern pictures, portraits of children by Harris will be regarded as a good specimen of portrait painting of the present day.

We may remark that Mr. Harris has not the honor of being a native of this Island—though his youth was passed here. Mr. Harris was born in the vale of Conway, Carnarvonshire, Wales, the birthplace of Gibson, the sculptor.

The Toronto Globe says:—"The Chorister" is a figure of marvellous strength and truthfulness by Mr. R. Harris, who, by the way, seems likely to prove an invaluable acquisition to the Academy. The youthful face is full of strength and expression, and the figure, which "grows" out from the background, is full and rounded. This picture, too, is full of meaning and purpose, as though it had not been painted either to sell or display the ability of the artist, but to express an idea, which is brought out with surprising strength and distinctness. It has been selected for the National Gallery.

"The Exile" is another of Harris' masterly figure paintings. The face, though a rough one, with coarse strong lines, is impressively sad and mournful. This is a picture so strong in purpose and expression that the most unimpressible of visitors can hardly fail to carry away with them very vivid impressions of it.

"Study of a Boy's Head" is another splendid little painting by Mr. Harris. Like that of the Chorister, this head stands out full and rounded from the background, with flesh so plump and real that one would expect it to yield to the touch; but better than all, the face is full of expression that so appeals to the beholder that he forgets to criticize. The mind is diverted from the painting in thinking of the boy.

"The Newsboy" is another strikingly powerful figure painting by R. Harris, loaned to the Academy by the Ontario Society of Artists. What has already been said of Mr. Harris' pictures is strong y ap-

licable to this. The expression is strong and earnest. The form and face are full and rounded, standing strongly out from the background. The flesh is full and plump, while tone and texture are so perfect that one could imagine it yielding to the touch or bleeding with the prick of a pin.

Almost the same remarks would be equally applicable to the next painting on the catalogue, "Alex. Mitchell," a Mic-Mac Indian, by the same artist. It is full of strength and nearly faultless in execution, but one forgets all this, and feels and thinks just as he would were the old man standing before him and about to speak.

The friends of Mr. R. Harris in this Island cannot fail to be gratified at the high estimation in which his productions are held by the critics of the Capital.

Correspondence.

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

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—I observe with regret that the Irish Societies of this city intend to parade on St. Patrick's Day, the festival of Ireland's Patron Saint. In the United States, and throughout the Dominion of Canada, the great majority of the Irish Societies have resolved not to parade this year on that day. The reason that leads to this resolution is that Ireland lies, at the fact of nations, asking for bread. From her gay capital, from her silent glens, from her famine-stricken fields, from all her Christian churches come the cry of hunger. The birth of her children is hushed in the wail of sorrow. Ireland's laugh is stilled, and there is to-day a broken string in her harp and heart. No longer is heard on the hills of Erin the song that waked the soul to gladness, and that stirred with enthusiasm the drooping spirit of her gallant people. When the mother is in tears and bowed to the dust, what son will be so unloving as to unfurl the banner and, with sweet music in the air, in triumph procession walk through our streets. It is not too late for the Irishmen of this city to reconsider their decision. But if they will not reconsider it, and if they will walk on that day, let them walk with the folded banner and flag, and every arm with black crape bound, and to the sounds of a funeral dirge.

IRISHMAN.

March 13th, 1880.

WHITE SEED OATS.
100 BAGS, 80 lbs. each, grown by me from Scotch Seed imported per Prince Edward last spring. These Oats have been thoroughly cleaned, and weigh over 40 lbs to the measured bushel. Price \$1.80 per sack of 80 lbs. Orders left with Horne, Pierce & Co., J. D. McLeod, or Hazzard Bros., will be attended to.

DANIEL DAVIES.

Ch'town, March 13, '80-51

CHARLOTTETOWN MUTUAL Fire Insurance Company!

THE Return Premiums due to Policy Holders will be paid at the Office of Company, on application, at any time after 12 o'clock, noon, on MONDAY, the 15th inst. By order of Directors,
H. V. PALMER, Acting Sec'y.

March 13, 1880-1w

St. Patrick's Day.

Literary and Musical ENTERTAINMENT

IN AID OF THE IRISH RELIEF FUND, Under the Patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor,

And under the auspices of the BENEVOLENT IRISH SOCIETY and ST. PATRICK'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE and BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, on

Wednesday Ev'g, 17th inst.,

—IN THE— MARKET HALL.

A CHOICE PROGRAMME of Vocal and Instrumental Music will be rendered by a number of our most talented amateurs. From the great success that has attended the former Concerts of these Societies, we feel warranted in soliciting the patronage of the public on this occasion.

Admission 25 cts.; reserved seats, 50 cts. Tickets to be had at the Drug Stores of Dr. Dodd, W. R. Watson, C. D. Rankin, and at the door. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Concert to commence at 8.

FRANCIS P. MCCARRON, Sec'y of Com. March 12, '80-41

DAIRY SALT.

AT the THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the "Dairymen's Convention," held at London, Ontario, February, 1880, the Committee of Judges awarded the

FIRST PRIZE

—TO— Coleman & Guinlock's FINE DAIRY,

over all other Canadian and English Salt exhibited. Wholesale Agent for P. E. Island, JOHN H. CATHRAE, Charlottetown, March 11, '80-1m

Molasses and Sugar.
ON CONSIGNMENT,—
40 puns. } Bright Barbadoes }
12 tierces } 9 bbls. } MOLASSES.
10 puns. } Choice Trinidad }
5 tierces } 10 bbls. }
16 hds. Porto Rico SUGAR.
At lowest market prices.
FENTON T. NEWBERY.
Ch'town, March 11, '80-3i

Sole Leather.
13 ROLLS (130 sides) LOGAN'S EXTRA No. 1 LEATHER.
At reduced prices.
FENTON T. NEWBERY.
March 11, '80-3i

MARCH 1880.

OUR STOCK-TAKING SALE
during the month of February has been very successful; we have therefore decided to continue it through this month. The demand for patterns, as everybody knows, is *always* great, and we regret to say that in this line we have been particularly busy. The desire for "snips" has become chronic, but we trust a healthier state of things is in the future.

Our Dress Materials have had a steady sale, and give great satisfaction; their quality and unsurpassed cheapness make them very tempting. Black Cashmeres and Lustres are in great request, in "snips" of 8 to 16 yards.

We have recently received a new lot of Gents' Spring Overcoats and Suits, also a lot of Suits for Boys; all at very low prices.

TEA!
IN STORE,—
50 half chests prime CONGOU.
FENTON T. NEWBERY.
March 11, '80-3i

MATCHES.
25 CASES, 15 boxes CHACE'S BRAND, superior to any in the market.
At reduced prices.
FENTON T. NEWBERY.
March 11, '80-3i

TEAS!
VIA NEW YORK,—
1,400 HALF-CHESTS
NEW SEASON TEA,
EX "BRAEMAR CASTLE"
The above Choice
Congous and Oolongs,
the pick of the cargo of S. S. Braemar Castle, are expected to arrive here in a few days, and will be sold low to the trade for Cash or approved paper.

SAMPLES AT OUR OFFICE,
7 Upper Water Street,
HALIFAX, N. S.
J. E. MORSE & CO.
March 4, '80-1m

Marine Insurance Company OF P. E. ISLAND.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above named Company will be held in their Office, corner Great George and Lower Water Streets, on Thursday, 25th day of March inst., at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business. By order of the Directors,
F. W. HALES, Secretary.
Ch'town, March 6, '80-till meeting

Wanted, Lost, Found, &c.
WANTED—An intelligent, respectable GIRL can secure a permanent situation as Clerk in a general store, on application to HENRY COOMBS. [mar 13, 3i

TO LET—On or about the 1st of May, one-half of a two-storey house, 6 rooms, good stable and coach house (if required), on Fitzroy Street, opposite King Square. Healthy location. Apply to PATRICK SHERRY. [m 12, 1f

TO LET—To let, the first of May next, that new House now occupied by Mr. Bailey, nearly opposite the residence of E. J. Hodgson, Esq., Weymouth Street, near Hillsborough Square. Apply at the office of SULLIVAN & MORSON. [m 11

TO LET—A HOUSE situated on Cumberland Street, containing 5 rooms. Rent very low. Enquire at this office. [m 10, 1f

LOST—In this City, yesterday, a bunch of KEYS. The finder will be rewarded by leaving them at this Office. [m 6

WANTED—A good SERVANT MAN to attend upon one horse, drive sleigh, &c. and also to wait at table indoors. Wages, \$130 a year. Enquire at this Office. [m 4, 1f

TO LET—On the ninth of April, the HOUSE now occupied by R. Young, Esq., W. J. BOSWELL.

TREMAINE & METCALF'S,
83 QUEEN STREET.
Ch'town, Feb. 26, 1880.