

Norwich Union Society
British America Ass. Co.
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I have the general agency for this Island of these excellent Fire Ass. Co's, and issue their policies here.

Should it be necessary to take proceedings against either of them, I have full authority to accept service of all papers.

E. R. Brown
General Agent
Charlottetown

FRUIT GROWERS MEETING.

Papers and Speeches Read and Delivered.
Two Important Resolutions Carried.

In spite of the weather and bad roads a representative meeting of the Western Fruit Growers Association was held at Summerside on Wednesday afternoon.

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DEAR SIR:—
Having been for some time past endeavoring to form a company for the erection of a Cold Storage Plant in Charlottetown, solely in the interest of the export trade of this province in such articles as Cheese, Butter, Eggs, Fresh Meats, Fresh Fish, Poultry and Fruits, I take the liberty of asking you if you would, at the earliest possible moment, bring me under the notice of the Stockholders in your company, in the hope that if they approve of the scheme they will pass a resolution endorsing the same, and, if necessary, lend assistance in petitioning the Dominion Government to subsidize a steamer to afford us direct steamship service with Great Britain, thus guaranteeing a continuous system of Cold Storage from the producer to the consumer.

I may add that the shares in the company (if formed) will be twenty-five dollars each, and before closing the stock list it is proposed to give your people, either as a company or individually, an opportunity of taking shares in the company.

I would direct your attention to a report of the Cold Storage meeting, held in Charlottetown on the 20th ult., in the Weekly Patriot of the 25th.

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small fruits, is very superior to that of the west. When planting his trees he had been particular to plough his land deeply, he had used superphosphates with good results, working the plough as closely as possible to the trees by discarding the single-trees and traces and hitching the horse to the plough by means of a single trace passing between the horse's hind legs.

Mr. James Carruthers, North Belvedere, commented upon the good hints contained in Mr. Johnston's paper, and referred to a hedge of willow as preferable to one of spruce, from the fact that it shelters the orchard equally well in summer and avoids the snowdrifts of winter.

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This letter was favorably commented on by several gentlemen, after which Mr. James Carruthers, of North Belvedere, moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. W. A. Brennan and carried unanimously:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting it is advisable to set apart a portion of the Government Farm for an experimental station for the culture of apples, plums, cherries and small fruits.

A hearty vote of thanks was then conveyed to Lieut.-Governor Howland for his presence at the meeting and for the great interest he has displayed in the promotion of the good of the Province.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
A meeting of the Executive Council will be held this afternoon. It is whispered that instructions have come from the Master of the Administration as to when the Legislature will meet. Time will tell.

Referring to the recent inauguration as President of the United States of Major McKinley, an exchange says: "Since Lincoln as President has been inaugurated at a more critical time in our national life or under circumstances more embarrassing and perplexing. Problems of the greatest moment demand a settlement, and the field they cover is bounded only by the line that embraces all national and human interests."

According to a late despatch the evils of a tariff uncertainty have begun to directly affect the workmen of Halifax. The following notice has been posted at the cotton factory: "Halifax cotton mills will be closed three days every week until further notice." The owners are awaiting the decision of the Dominion Government in respect to the tariff. This means that from two to three hundred hands will be out of work in that city and that thousands of dollars will be lost in wages.

The forests of the Queen's jubilee progress through London, which are appearing in the press, are ventures on probabilities. None of them has official sanction and some of them are absurd. Some features of the royal progress can accurately be foretold. The eight cream colored horses, never seen only at grandest ceremonial, will draw the Queen's carriage. The procession from Buckingham Palace to St. Pauls will include most of the personages and notables of the jubilee procession, but will be on a master scale. Every country and provincial town will send representatives and the number of regular and volunteer troops will far exceed any total hitherto massed in London.

Commercial reports from the United States indicate no particular change in the general condition of trade across the line. It is claimed, however, that there is in progress a steady, although slow improvement, as a better demand for products appears to be experienced all round, while speculative buying is going on in some lines on account of probable changes in duties. This is particularly the case with wool. Reports of recent failures in the States show an increase in number, but a decrease in liabilities, which latter phase is due to the caution for some time past exercised in giving large credits. In Cleveland and other places some strikes have occurred; in the Lake Iron mines wages will probably be reduced, but the total industrial force at work is said to be steadily increasing. Commercial failures for last week amount to 246 in the United States, as compared with 255 for the corresponding week of last year.

HIGHEST GRADES, ENGLISH, CANADIAN, AMERICAN.
Messrs. W. A. Weeks & Co. received and opened on Saturday last their first shipments of spring prints, five hundred pieces of English, 400 pieces of Canadian, and have a large lot of American on the way. In our retail department we are making a big show of the English prints, comprising dress prints, apron prints, pinpoint prints in small spots, stripes and flowered patterns. The goods are chosen on the finest cotton, lawn, muscades and crepons. The regular summer prices for these goods would be 14 to 20 cents per yard. Buying them early and in large quantities buys them cheap. We are clearing them for quick sale at 10, 12 and 14 cents. Fast colors and very best wearing goods. Pretty patterns.

Other goods that we are selling low at the people's store are a 50 doz lot of great linen collars, 4 ply, standing and laying down, worth 20c, at 10c each. 36c gent's white shirts, with collars and cuffs attached, only sizes 14 and 14 1/2. 25c the price; clearing them at 50c each. 25c takes your choice of Weeks & Co's. best four-in-hand neckties; prices were 40c to 50c. Every day we are pushing our goods out cheap to make room for our b g spring stock, which is now being selected in the best markets.

Portiers and Coverings.—We are closing out a large lot of portiers and coverings at 1/2 off and selling very cheap our entire stock of upholstery goods. Stock of chenille portiers: \$3.75 French Portiers closing at \$3.00 \$4.00 Derby " " \$3.00 \$4.50 Imported " " \$3.25 \$5.00 Portiers, dark and light, \$4.50 \$6.00 Ceneils and Tapestry, \$4.50. And other grades up to \$10. Also several pairs silk curtains at \$7 and \$8.—Jas Paton & Co.

Upholstery goods and curtains.—Some time ago we offered all our upholstery and upholstering furniture without profit. The offer still holds, and despite that concession you may pick upholstery stuffs just suited to your needs at greatly reduced prices from new little lots we are closing out. See window today.—James Paton & Co.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

THE CRETAN SITUATION.

What Lord Salisbury Said Regarding It

At the Dinner of the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

LONDON, March 11. At the dinner of the associated Chambers of Commerce, Lord Salisbury delivered an address, in the course of which he referred to the Cretan question. He said it must be remembered that the British Government could not be guided in its policy by personal sympathies or religious prejudices and sentiments. They were the trustees of a great nation's interests and obligations, which they were bound to maintain above everything else. If they manifestly did their duty under the circumstances, it would promote, as no other course of conduct could do, the freedom and justice, and, above all, European peace, upon which all commerce, industry and well being must depend. His remarks were received with loud cheers.

LONDON, March 11. The entire staff of employees at Devonport dockyard, numbering 5,000, are ordered to work overtime, for the purpose of hastening the completion of the floating dock upon which they are engaged. The order is believed to have been issued in view of the crisis which has arisen over the Cretan question.

Old Arms Called In. OTTAWA, March 11. An order has been issued from the Militia Department, calling in all 11 rifle and side arms, and as soon as they are in the new Lee-Enfield weapon will be issued.

Will Go to England. FREDERICTON, March 11. It is said that No. 4 Company, Canadian Infantry, will accompany Hon. Mr. Laurier to England on the occasion of the Jubilee celebration.

For the Famine Fund. LONDON, March 11. The Queen has contributed another five hundred pounds towards the famine fund.

The Liberal-Conservative Candidate. OTTAWA, March 11. J. M. McDougall will be the Liberal-Conservative candidate in Wright Co.

The Wanderers Defeated. ST. JOES, March 11. The Halifax Wanderers were defeated by a scratch team last night.

Hon. Mr. Borden's Condition. OTTAWA, March 11. Hon. Mr. Borden is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

DOMINION ALLIANCE.—The adjourned meeting of the Charlottetown branch will take place on Thursday evening, 11th inst., at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. All men eighteen years of age and upwards in sympathy with its objects are cordially invited to be present. Important business. 57-21

Rubber Balls, Rubber Balls, Rubber Balls.

150 DOZEN.

ALL SIZES. Just received, via S. S. STANLEY.

A first-class article with a "Bounce" equal to a Politician's.

Prices lower than ever: from 3c each up.

GEO. CARTER & CO. THE BOOKSELLERS.

TALK HORSE or HORSE TALK

THE ISLAND CONDITION POWDER sells like hot cakes. Why? Because it sells on its merits. Hundreds of our farmers and horsemen use it. Try a packet. Prepared and sold only by A W Reddin, Phm, B. CENTRAL DRUG STORE Sunnyside.

India Famine Fund. TENDERS FOR WHEAT.

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Prices a Fourth to a Half Under the Usual
Second week of the Great \$10,000 Clearance Carpet Sale JAS PATON & CO.
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CARPETS AND RUGS.
Yard wide Union and Scotch Ingrain Carpet, about 20 pieces, say about 800 yards, at 1/2 off for spot cash.
The different prices quoted for the same quality is owing to the different lengths in stock and the designs. Some are better than others. To-morrow we will make tremendous reductions in our entire stock of
Tapestry Carpet
We will make four prices of the lot, 1500 yards in all.
39c, 49c, 59c, 69c.
Some of these goods are 10 wide Tapestry, made by the largest manufacturer in the world, and the designs are exclusive, the goods are good, serviceable and handsome, and will wear like pin wire. The regular prices run from 50c to 95c. Come early,
JAMES PATON & CO. THE CARPET MEN OF P. E. ISLAND BRING YOUR MEASUREMENTS WITH YOU.....

Charlottetown Roller Mills HIGH GRADE FAMILY FLOUR
Is more economical and makes better bread than the imported.
GEO. E. FULL.
MORTGAGE SALE. LAND IN SUMMERSIDE.

New Boots & Shoes
JUST RECEIVED AT R. K. JOST
Stampers' Corner.

ST. PATRICKS DAY. 1825-1897.
The Benevolent Irish Society of Charlottetown will celebrate St. Patrick's Day Wednesday, March 17th.
By the usual Parade and Church Service in the morning.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE IN THE EVENING.
Will be presented by a talented Dramatic Club (for the first time in Charlottetown), the romantic Irish Drama in 4 acts, "EILEEN OGE."

Come in and see E. & D. 1897 BICYCLE
W. E. DAWSON.

CHRONIC DISEASES
Treated by the CALSBERG Method of persistent SELF-HELP in overcoming and eradicating the causes of disease. The result justifies the means.

The Always busy Drug Store
Our Spring Stock Opening Up
Silver Soap, Polish, Furniture Shine, etc.
REDDIN BROTHERS Opposite P. O.

Auction Sale.
Of Valuable Farm Property in Charlottetown.
The subscriber will sell by Public Auction on the premises, Mount Edward Road, on Wednesday, the 11th day of April, next, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, his valuable Farm, comprising about 80 acres, nearly all of which is cleared and in a high state of cultivation. Upon the premises there is a good farm house, three large barns, root house, etc. This property is situated within one mile of the city and is especially adapted either for Dairying, Market Gardening or Fruit Growing. Easy terms of purchase will be given. Full particulars made known on application to the undersigned. BRENTON F. LONGWORTH Charlottetown 10-97-53/11, wky.

Magie Lanterna Show.
In the Lyceum, on Monday evening March 18th at 8 o'clock, a Magie Lanterna Entertainment with beautiful views, will be shown on the canvas, and a number of comic views, etc. Life will be explained in New York City from beginning to end. Admission 10c. Children 5c. 59-53/3c.

Just received, one case Black Dress Goods ex S. S. Stanley. All the new materials, all the new weaves for Spring wear.

NEW GOODS.
Black Alma C'oh, a beautiful French fabric, all wool, very serviceable material for attractive gowns. 52c per yd.
Black Figured Alpaca, fine finish, with lots of mohair to make it one of the lightest black dress fabrics. 39c per yd.
Black Sicilian, wide widths, bright finish, look through your fashion journals and find out about it. 75c per yd.
Black Canvass Cloth, another new feature in spring dress goods, a material that should certainly interest every body. \$1.35 per yd.
Black Sail Cloth, a new material, with just enough mohair to give it a beautiful finish. \$1.30 per yd.
We carry one of the largest stocks of Dress Goods in the city. STANLEY BROS.