

The Free Importation Clause.

The Free Importation Clause in the agreement with the Syndicate is one of the strong objections urged by the Opposition leaders in Parliament and by Opposition papers against the terms. They say it is contrary to the spirit of the National Policy to permit the Company to import materials for the building of the road free of duty.

The Leasehold System in America.

If the contractors for the Canadian Pacific Railway harbor an occult intention of becoming landlords in Canada, the trials and deprivations endured by Robert B. Stewart, Esq.—whose letter is published in another column—should convince them of the extreme danger of carrying it out.

Christmas Cards.

The taste for Christmas Cards has developed to a remarkable extent within the past few years. We believe we are within the mark when we say that thousands of dollars worth have been sold in Charlotte-town this year.

Remember This.

The Contractors will have to pay millions to promote immigration to Canada. If the contract had not been made, the expense of promoting immigration would have to be borne by the tax-payers.

At a banquet given in London to General Roberts, recently returned from Afghanistan, by the Merchant Tailors' Company, the master of the company, proposing a toast to the foreign ambassadors, coupled with it the name of United States Minister Lowell, and said that he hoped the English and American flags, which were floating side by side in the hall, might know no rivalry but that of peace.

The Lower House of the Austrian Reichsrath has agreed to the proposed government loan of 13,500,000 florins.

A despatch to the News from St. Petersburg states that Russia intends to take decisive action against the Turcomans at the end of December.

By cable to Owen Connolly, Esq.—Brigt. Shamrock arrived at Cardiff, eighteen (18) days from Georgetown.

Foul Play at Souris.

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE DIES FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN A QUARREL—THE INQUEST—NO VERDICT.

A correspondent from Souris writes on the 21st inst: On the evening of the 17th inst., Mr. Alexander McKenzie, of North Side, called at John McInnis' tavern at Chepstow. While there a fight occurred between several parties. Mr. McKenzie took part and received such severe injuries that he died from their effects on the following night.

An inquest was held on the body of the deceased on Saturday, and was continued on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, without any decision being arrived at.

A Daniel Nowlan and Alexander McDonald, both of Chepstow, are under arrest in connection with the affair.

Mr. McKenzie's body was bruised and his arm was broken, and he received a severe cut across the head. His body was laid on the floor of the McInnis' tavern all night, with very little to cover it. He no doubt suffered much from exposure as well as from injuries, and died on the night following the quarrel.

The deceased was about 68 years of age.

Correspondence.

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

LENNOX COTTAGE, GRAFTON STREET, Dec. 22nd, 1880.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

MY DEAR SIR,—In your very interesting paper of this evening, under the editorial article on "The Situation," when speaking of the lands granted to the Canada Pacific Railway, you write as follows, concerning these lands:—

"Before they are occupied by settlers, while they are yet wilderness, it would be simply monstrous to tax the contractors on account of them."

Now, if any gentleman, holding your very just and proper views of the matter, will apply the above truism to the wilderness lands formerly held, both de facto et de jure, by the confiscated Proprietors of this Island, upon the Faith, the Guarantee, and the Honor of the British Government, and upon my portion of which I annually paid a very large sum of money, during many years of my residence here, first as agent to my late father, David Stewart, Esquire, of Strath Gartney and Drumlease,—and subsequently as Proprietor by inheritance—I certainly think that any such gentleman would say that it was quite as monstrous to tax me for my land, as it would now be to tax the contractors of whom you speak.

If the land after being granted and guaranteed, were now to be wrenched and wrested, compulsorily, from the said contractors, by legislative enactment,—the parallel or analogy of the two cases would be perfect and complete.

I remain, My Dear Sir, Your constant reader, ROBERT BRUCE STEWART.

Cause of the Accident.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—Being sent for to give testimony concerning the unfortunate brick building that fell on Tuesday last, and not having time to examine the ruins, I was under the impression that the two top stories were but nine inch work, and I stated so. But on an examination I found that the two lower stories were thirteen inch work, and the upper storey nine inch. The brick work was strong enough to carry far more weight than was then upon it. There was no fault in it. It was built as well as any ordinary brick work in the city. The fault lay in the inside work—lumber too slight and not well fastened, and, worse than all, supported by two small columns made out of boiler pipes. Those pipes, for columns, were not sufficient, and gave away, and let the building down. That, in my opinion, was the cause of the whole trouble.

Yours truly, CHARLES HEARZ. Ch'town, Dec. 23, 1880.

The Concert to be given by the Ladies of the Industrial Aid Society takes place in St. Paul's School-room, on Tuesday, December 28th. The inviting programme, promised in a former issue, we publish below:—

- 1. "Sweet Peace Descending," Girls' Choral Society, Miss Magee.
2. Solo, Pianoforte, Mrs. W. Longworth.
3. Solo, Vocal, "We'd Better Bide a Wee," Mrs. W. Longworth.
4. Dialogue, Miss Katie Wright and Capt. Boulton.
5. Solo, Vocal, "Waiting," with flute Obligato, Miss McMurray.
6. Duett, Inst., "Overture to Masaniello," Mrs. Pope and Mr. Earle.
7. Solo, Vocal, "The Way Through the Wood," Miss Dixon.
8. "Sweet and Low," Girls' Choral Society.
9. Solo, Vocal, Mr. Earle.
10. Trio, Inst., Mrs. Pope, Messrs. Mitchell and Vinnicombe.
11. Solo, Vocal, "Twickenham Ferry," Miss Minnie Palmer.
12. "Huntsman's Chorus," Girls' Choral Society.
13. Duett, Vocal, "Good Night," Mrs. W. Longworth and Miss Bourke. "God Save the Queen."

Doors open at 7.30: Concert to commence at 8 p. m. Price of admission 15 cents, only!

If you require a Christmas Present see E. W. Taylor's advertisement; and he has a much larger assortment than enumerated there. Give him a call. [d 23 3i]

CIGAR CASES, Tobacco Pouches, Cigar Holders, &c., &c., for Xmas, at Rubin's Cigar Store, cor. Queen and Richmond streets. [d 23 3i]

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

An enthusiastic demonstration by Orangemen and Protestant farmers took place yesterday at Coleraine, County Londonderry, at which resolutions were passed, energetically denouncing the Land League agitation and the inaction of the Government relative to affairs in Ireland.

A despatch from Vienna to the Times says the decision of the Empress of Austria definitely giving up her hunting box in Ireland, is in consequence of the reports received of the state of affairs in Ireland.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, one of the heaviest Irish land owners, has abandoned his intention of passing the winter in Ireland in consequence of the condition of the country.

A tenant farmer named Mullin, while returning from Ballinrobe market last night, was fired upon by men concealed behind a wall on the road to Hollymount. He died immediately at the bullet's taking effect. His wife has been arrested.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The Times, in a leading editorial article this morning, says:—Besides the dragging war in Basutoland, which the Colonial Government may have at any moment to confess itself unequal to, we are now confronted with the danger of organized disaffection among the Boers. It is probable, however, that the appearance of British troops at Heidelberg will be followed by the dispersion of the Boers to their homes. The present garrison in the Transvaal is composed of two regiments of Foot and a battalion of Rifles. At Natal there is a fine, trustworthy force of Natal Mounted Rifles. There are two troops of Dragoons also at Natal. The Transvaal and Natal have also forces of Artillery. We understand that Sir George Pomeroy Colby is advancing into the Transvaal with a force of Artillery and Infantry from Natal. We believe there is no reason to doubt that the Transvaal is provided with sufficient force to encounter the opposition. The Cape Government has not yet made any application for Imperial troops.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, Dec. 23—10 a. m.

Fresh northeasterly to westerly winds; fair weather, lower temperature.

SALE POSTPONED

Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL SALE

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

WILL TAKE PLACE ON

Thursday Evening, the 30th December,

AT HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

By order, F. S. MOORE, President.

XMAS PRESENTS

I WILL CLEAR OUT AT AUCTION,

To-Morrow (Friday) Afternoon,

AT 2 O'CLOCK,

And in the Evening at 7 o'clock.

The remainder of Chromos and Oleographs, now on exhibition at my Auction Rooms.

Also a lot of new Clocks and Watches, and second-hand Watches (gold and silver). A rare opportunity is here offered for buying suitable Holiday presents at low figures.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

TERPSICHOE HALL.

THE subscriber, thankful for past favors, hereby gives notice that her Dancing Classes for the second and last term for the season, will commence on TUESDAY, the 23rd inst. Instructions will be given during this term in the Amazonian March (which is well adapted for a Skating Rink) and in the new and popular Polo, as also in all the other Dances usually taught, and according to Prof. Danielle's "unique and rapid system." Parties requiring private tuition can apply on any day or hour for information and terms.

A JUVENILE CLASS will be opened on SATURDAY, the 8th January 1881, and be continued during the term on Saturday's and Tuesday's,—from 3 to 5 p. m. on Saturday's, and 4 to 6 on Tuesday's, or any other day. Our hours that will be convenient for parents and pupils. In this Class the Department and Dumb Bell Exercises will be carefully taught.

E. BURRIS. Dec. 23, '80—21 th m, pat 2i oaw

BOOKS! BOOKS!

—AT THE— British American Book & Tract Society.

LEISURE HOUR, SUNDAY AT HOME, Boys' Own Annual, Girls' Own Annual, Toy Books, Chatterbox, Infants' Magazine, Child's Companion, Child's Own Magazine, Sunday School Books, Hymn Books and Bibles, Hymnal of the Presbyterian Church, a variety of other Books, Christmas and Birth-day Cards, &c., &c.

M. F. ELLIS, North Side Queen Square. Ch'town, Dec. 11, 1880—till 25th

OPENING

—OF THE—

Citizens' Skating Rink!

THE CITIZENS' SKATING RINK will be opened on MONDAY, the 27th instant,

ICE PERMITTING.

The Band will be in attendance from eight till ten o'clock, p. m.

Tickets for sale at the Apothecaries Hall at the following prices:—

Table with 2 columns: Ticket Type and Price. Includes Gentlemen's (\$5.00), Ladies' (3.50), Promenade (1.00), Afternoon Skating (Boys) (2.50), (Girls) (2.00), Single Tickets all times (25), Single Tickets to Promenade (10).

The services of Galbraith's Band have been secured for the season.

G. W. WAKEFORD, Secretary. Ch'town, Dec. 22, '80.

THE BEST TEAS! 650 PACKAGES.

BY RECENT ARRIVALS from Great Britain, via Halifax, I have now completed my Winter Stock of Teas,— 650 half-chests and chests Congou Teas, and can confidently recommend the quality as superior, both in strength and flavor. Will be sold at the lowest market price for cash or good paper.

WILLIAM DODD, Queen Square. Dec. 22, '80—pat 3w

Crockeryware, Teas' Sugar,

Raisins, Leather, Apples, &c.

IN Store, and will be sold Cheap for cash or good paper.—

- 650 chest and half chests Superior Congou Teas, (warranted)
10 bbls Porto Rico Sugar,
200 boxes Raisins, (Layers, Muscatels & Valencia)
200 sides No 1 Sole Leather, (splendid stock)
200 bbls American Apples,
5 crates Crockeryware,
75 boxes Pipes, (T D's and assorted)
Boxes scented Soap, Confectionery, Crackers, etc.

WILLIAM DODD, Queen Square. Dec. 22, '80;—3w pat

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- CHOCOLATE, CARAMELS,
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ICE CREAM CARAMELS, something new.
EUREKA MIXTURE, } 25c. per lb.
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Spiced Chocolate Sticks, Fig Paste, Jujubes, Barley Sugar Twist, and other varieties too numerous to mention.

I keep the purest and most delicately flavored CANDY to be had in the Dominion.

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Dec. 18, 1880—2w eod

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- 300 tons Picton Round Coal at \$4 per ton,
100 tons Little Glace Bay Round Coal at \$4 per ton,
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All in good order—under cover.

Terms strictly cash.

CAPT. J. HUGHES, Water Street. Dec. 11, '80—6i t th s

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Charlottetown, Nov. 27, 1880.

THE WEEKLY EXAMINER.—Persons having relatives or friends abroad, and desiring to keep them informed concerning P. E. Island, cannot do so in a better or cheaper way than by subscribing to THE WEEKLY EXAMINER. Sent, postpaid, to any address in Great Britain, the United States, or the Dominion, on receipt of One Dollar.

Political Mass Meeting.

PACIFIC RAILWAY CONTRACT.

A MASS MEETING OF ELECTORS will be held in the

MARKET HALL,

Thursday Ev'g, 23rd inst.,

AT 7 O'CLOCK,

To discuss the terms of the Pacific Railway Contract now before the Dominion Parliament.

Hon. THOMAS W. DODD, President of the Reform Association, Mr. L. H. DAVIES, and others, will address the meeting.

A. B. WARBURTON, Secretary of the Reform Association. Dec. 21, 1880—3i

XMAS. XMAS.

Crosse & Blackwell's CANDIED CITRON, LEMON, and ORANGE PEELS,

In 1 lb. Bottles, at 25 cents per Bottle.

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W. R. WATSON.

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CASKS ENGLISH MALT VINEGAR, CASE HOLLOWAY'S MEDICINES, CASES CASTILE SOAP,

Sago, Fine bottled Salad and Castor Oils, Candied Peels, Spices, Essences, &c. Cases Murray's Fluid Magnesia, one case Fine Chemicals for dispensing, and a general assortment of best English Drugs and Medicines at

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SECOND-HAND STOVES.

1 VERY LARGE CANNON, 1 smaller do., 1 Dominion for Shop or Office (small), 2 Franklins, 1 Scout (with oven, 1 Grate (\$2), 1 Base Burner. All very cheap.

H. COOMBS. Dec. 20, '80—3i

BUILDING LOTS.

PARTIES wanting to purchase Building Lots in Victoria, Lot 29, will please apply to

DONALD PALMER, Esq., or MRS. HENRY HARDAY,

July 20, 1880—oaw Summerside.

Wants, Lost, Found, &c

BOARDERS—Three or four Boarders can be accommodated with good board at reasonable terms. Good locality—not far from Post Office. Enquire at this office. [de 23

STOLEN OR STRAYED—A Spaniel PUP about six months old; color brown and white. Any person giving information that will lead to his recovery will be rewarded by DENNIS O'M. REDDIN, jr. [de 20 3i]

TO LET, for Dancing Assemblies, Public Meetings, etc., Allin's Hall. Apply to W. KENNEDY, at "The Confectionery." [de 16 6i eod

TO LET—Shed and Dwelling House on Great George Street. For particulars apply to E. McDOUGALL. [de 14 tf

WANTED—By a competent person, employment for the winter to make up books and accounts. Apply at this office. [de 1

BOARDERS—Three or four Boarders can be accommodated with first class board and apartments at very reasonable rates, in a pleasant and one of the most convenient localities in the city. Apply at this office. [no 6 tf

TO LET—A House containing 8 rooms, with stable, coach house, and a large garden attached, fronting on Rochford Square. Possession given immediately. Apply to J. T. CROCKETT, at the Fish Market. [no 2