

Notes and Comments.

Chauncey Depew says that "the American idea of Canada is of a ripening plum, certain to fall into our hat whenever we are ready for it." This may be termed a chancy idea.

The announcement was made at the Montreal meeting of the C. P. R. that the road would be opened to the Maritime Provinces on the 2nd June. This is probably a mistake. The 2nd June is Sunday.

The Montreal Gazette's special cable says that direct Canadian emigration from Liverpool, the week before last, decreased 41 per cent. compared with 1888. Last week again shows a decrease, though the number of continental emigrants, chiefly Scandinavians and Germans, still show an increase of 30 per cent. over last year.

The mackerel seiners have commenced to get in readiness, and will sail from Gloucester, Mass., for the Nova Scotia coast about the 20th of May in hopes of intercepting the mackerel schools which pass that way every season. It is said that the fleet will be smaller this spring than for many years, as a number of the fleet have been converted into codfishers.

The first bulletin of the Ontario Bureau of Industries gives a highly favorable report of the agricultural prospects. The season is well forward; fall wheat promises excellently; winter rye, which is coming to be largely sown, the grass is also good, and dairying has had an early start. So far, it can be said, all is well. It is a long road with many possibilities on the way, however, to the harvest home.

A somewhat remarkable strike is reported from Sorel, Que. The municipal council having decided to impose a tax of \$500 on liquor sellers in addition to the provincial license fee of \$120, the liquor sellers met and decided to strike against the proposed imposition. Accordingly, eleven bar rooms were closed up on the 30th of last month and have not been opened since. Only one out of thirteen declined to join the strike.

As intimated in THE EXAMINER some time ago, the Fisheries Department is preparing for a vigorous enforcement of Canadian rights in regard to the fisheries this season. The vessels will go into commission this month. The Acadia will be the flagship, and the fleet will be strengthened by the addition of the Stanley, which is expected to do the work of three schooners. The steamer Canadensis has gone into commission, and the Dream is already cruising in the Bay of Fundy. In addition to these, four steamers and a number of schooners will also be chartered.

Says the St. Croix, (N. B.) Courier: The succulent Chicago beef, which has been delighting the palates of so many St. Stephenites of late, bids fair to become an important factor in the determination of Canada's future trade relations. One of the great arguments of the Commercial Unionists is that the adoption of their pet idea would open a market of 60,000,000 of people to Canadian farmers. On the other hand, it is now asked, if Chicago beef can be sold in New Brunswick markets against an adverse duty of one cent a pound in competition with native beef, how could native beef be at all profitably raised if the duty were removed? And how would our beef stand in the United States markets in comparison with the Chicago article? The same question may be reasonably asked with reference to all Canadian farm products. No satisfactory answer has yet been vouchsafed by the Commercial Unionists.

The General Manager of the Grand Trunk line has given orders that no freight trains belonging to his line must hereafter proceed on their journey on Sunday, and he has promised to curtail the traffic as much as possible, so far as passengers are concerned. The Canadian Pacific Railway has not decided to take off the Sunday train which runs between Quebec and Montreal, but if the idea becomes general, we may expect to see that train discontinued. Beginning yesterday, there will be an appreciable abandonment of Sunday traffic on the Vanderbilt roads east of Chicago. A reduction of 33 to 50 per cent. in the number of men employed on Sunday work will be made, as a commencement. Eventually, it is not unlikely that the whole Sunday business will be stopped, for Mr. Vanderbilt is personally opposed to its continuance, and his right hand man, Chauncey M. Depew, agrees with him. Of course, perishable goods, cattle and live stock, will continue to be moved on Sundays for some time to come. No trains leave for any place, on the Intercolonial on Sunday.

Mr. Atkinson, of Boston, goes to the root of the matter of the Irish difficulty in the following paragraph clipped from an article written by him for the Westminster Review:

"Is Ireland capable of supporting its people in comfort and welfare if this plan could be accomplished? Is it not true that under the wretched system of absentee-landlordism and rack-rented tenant-farming the land of Ireland yet produces an enormous excess of food which is exported and consumed in England? Has the limit of possible production either in quantity or in diversity ever been approached in Ireland? Is there any reason why the Irishman in Ireland should not be as successful a market-gardener and grower of all kinds of food as he is in New England and in many other parts of the United States? If not, what is lacking? Is it not the incentive of the actual or prospective ownership of the soil which he tills? Such would seem to be the solution of the question to one who studies the progress of the Irish in America towards wealth and welfare. None come among us who are more land-hungry and none more safe citizens than the very men who, when in Ireland, have there attacked the present titles to land, when they themselves become the present possessors of land even in the smallest parcels here."

REAL ESTATE SALES.—On Monday, May 20th, at 11 o'clock, noon, a good dwelling house, barn, etc., on Grafton Street, near the Athenaeum. On Wednesday, May 22nd, at 12 o'clock, noon, seven building lots on and near Upper Queen Street. On Thursday, May 23rd, at 12 o'clock, noon, the Brighton Tannery and premises, and building lots adjoining the same, fronting on Brighton Road. For plans and further particulars apply to A. McNeill, Auctioneer.

The latest shapes in American straw hats and bonnets, received to-day at Stanley Bros., Brown's Block.

The Philharmonic Society.

The successful formation of the Philharmonic Society may now be said to be assured. Since the meeting on Thursday evening, when seventy-three vocalists were enrolled, the Secretary has received letters from leading singers expressing regret at not being able to be present at the enrollment meeting, and from others asking admittance to membership of the Society, so that on next Thursday evening the committee expect a very large attendance at the first regular practice.

The music which the Society will first take up is Sir Sterndale Bennett's "May Queen."

It was considered advisable to commence work on some classical music which was not over difficult, and the "May Queen" having been performed at the Birmingham and many of the other great English musical society festivals, and being considered as one of the most beautiful productions of English music at and being moderately simple in construction, nothing more suitable for a new musical society to commence work upon can be imagined.

The author of the "May Queen," Sir Sterndale Bennett, died about fourteen years ago, and McFarren, in his history of music, says: "The wide recognition of Bennett's genius at home and in Germany distinguishes him; far more so does the quite individual charm of his music, and most of all does the tender age at which he wrote his last works and the facility with which he produced them; always the phraseology is peculiar to the author in sweetness and elegance; the eternal riddle of the beautiful is propounded in every cadence, and still defies analysis."

They Can't Parade.

THE SALVATION ARMY CAN NO LONGER WALK IN QUEBEC.

In the famous test case at Quebec to decide the question of the legality of the Salvation Army's parades in the public streets, the court of appeals, a few days ago, set aside the verdict of the jury in the court below, finding the army guilty of committing a public nuisance, and ordered a new trial. In rendering the judgment of the court, however, Chief Justice Sir A. P. Dorian said it should be well understood that the new trial was granted more from a doubt as to whether the evidence adduced before the jury legally supported the verdict rendered than from any hesitation in the minds of the bench on the question of the army's assumption of the right to parade, sing and shout in the public street. He said the court was unanimous in holding that the Salvationists had no right to parade as they had been in the habit of doing, if they annoyed or obstructed the public in the public streets. There was no law which conferred on Salvationists or any one else the privilege of doing so. Such practices might be tolerated, but toleration ceased when they became a nuisance, when they obstructed the public, impeded traffic, frightened horses, endangered life and prevented people from sleeping in their homes. The streets were for circulation, and any obstruction to the latter was a nuisance. So much was this the case that in all large and well conducted cities even any one standing in the street was regarded as obstructing, and immediately told by the police to move on.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Temperance and Longevity.

SIR,—A paragraph went the rounds of the press some little time ago under the above heading, which contained certain statistics relating to the effect of alcohol upon health, alleged to have been made by Dr. Isambard Owen, of London, England. The good doctor's efforts have been strangely misunderstood by the author of the paragraph above referred to, who undertook to prove that indulgence in ardent spirits so far from shortening, increased the length of man's natural life. Dr. Owen's attention having been drawn to the unfair use made of his statistics, has at length written an explanatory letter to the London press, from which I extract the following:—

"(1) That habitual indulgence in alcoholic liquors beyond the most moderate amounts has a distinct tendency to shorten life, the average shortening being roughly proportional to the degree of indulgence.

"(2) That of men who have passed the age of twenty-five, the strictly temperate, on the average, live at least ten years longer than those who become decidedly intemperate."

FRED. E. J. LLOYD.

Personal.

Father Boyd is in the city. Dr. Beer returned from Boston on Saturday evening.

W. H. Morgan, with McIntyre & Son's samples, is at the Hotel Davies.

James Rogers, representing Ganong Bros., St. Stephen, N. B., is among the guests at the Davies.

C. B. Coker, Inspector of Hulls, and Ouglas Stevens, Inspector of Machinery, arrived on Saturday and are at the Davies.

J. C. Redmond, of the firm of John A. Paterson & Co., wholesale millinery, Montreal, is on a business trip to the Island. He is at the Davies.

J. E. Robertson, M. P., who was delayed by illness while on his way from Ottawa, arrived at Summerside in the St. Lawrence on Saturday evening.

From a private letter to a gentleman here, we are pleased to learn that Senator Howland has so far recovered from his illness as to be able to move about. He has reached Kingston, Ont., where he rests a few days, and will probably reach home on the Island, on Saturday, the 18th.

FRATERNAL.—On to-morrow (Tuesday) evening the members of St. Lawrence Lodge, I. O. O. F., pay a fraternal visit to Wilsey Lodge. A most pleasant and profitable time, is arranged for.

THE OCEAN RECORD BROKEN.—New York advices state that the Inman Line steamer City of Paris, which arrived at that port from Liverpool on the 8th, made the quickest passage on record, her mean time from Queenstown to Sandy Hook Lightship being 5 days, 23 hours and 7 minutes. Had not the vessel been delayed by fog on the last day, she would have reached her destination three hours earlier. The quickest trip heretofore on record was that of the Etruria, of the Cunard Line—six days one hour and 55 minutes. The difference in favor of the City of Paris is two hours and forty-eight minutes.

MARRIED. On the 8th inst., at Trinity Church, Boston, by the Rev. Phillips Brooks, Alexander Anderson, Electrical Supt., Norfolk Virginia, to Millicent L. Beer, daughter of Dr. Beer, of this city.

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TO PICTOU.

Football Excursion, Queen's Birthday. THE Steamer "PRINCESS OF WALES" will leave the Steam Navigation Co.'s Wharf on FRIDAY, the 24th inst., at Seven o'clock, a. m.; returning, will leave Pictou at 4.30 p. m.

The Abegweit Football Team will play the Pictouians on the grounds of the P. A. A. C., Pictou, at 1 o'clock. Other matches will also be played by teams from Nova Scotia. A good time guaranteed. A Band will accompany the Excursion. Fare to Pictou and Return, \$1.00. Tickets can be had from any of the Football Committee, or on board the steamer.

C. LEIGH, Jr., F. W. HALES, Secy. A. F. B. C. Secy. S. N. Co. may 12

P. E. Island Hospital.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the Act of Incorporation, a public meeting of all contributors to the above Institution will be held in the Reception Room of the Prince Edward Island Hospital, in the City of Charlottetown, on MONDAY, the 27th day of May, 1889, at 4 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of election of Trustees for the government of the Institution, in accordance with the by-laws, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

B. BALDERSTON, Secretary of Trustees. may 13—21 m

AUCTION SALE OF Household Furniture.

I will sell by Auction, at my Salesroom, ON FRIDAY, 17th INST., AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.:

1 Parlor Set, 2 Bedroom Sets, Marble Top Table, 1 Hall Rack, 1 Whinot, 1 Chest-drawer, 1 Extension Table, Dining Room Chairs, Bedsteads, Brussels and Tapestry Carpets, Oil Cloths, Crockery, Glassware, Vases, etc. Also—1 Base Burner (Sultana), 1 good Range, 1 Sewing Machine (Raymond), Kitchen Utensils, etc. G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer. may 13—pat

HOUSE AND PREMISES.

I AM instructed by James McMurrer, to sell by Auction, on MONDAY, May 20th, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the premises:—

His valuable and conveniently situated property, fronting 40 feet on Grafton Street (between Prince and Hillsborough Streets), and two Pines and Hillsborough Streets, and running back 80 feet, with a good Dwelling House and large Barn on the premises. Terms—One-half the purchase money may remain for a term of years secured by mortgage on the premises, at six per cent. per annum. A McNEILL, Auctioneer. may 13—6i

For St. John's, Newfoundland.

THE S. S. "COHAN," for St. John's, Newfoundland, will be due at Charlottetown on TUESDAY, the 14th inst., and will carry Cattle and Sheep on deck. For Freight or Passage apply to PEAKE BROS. & CO. may 11—2i

CHALLENGE.

TO A. N. LARGE. I HAVE been informed by John M. Campbell, of the P. O. Department, that you said you would trot my Abdallah colt "Par-nell" with your All Right colt "Hermit," for One Hundred Dollars a side. I have this day deposited Fifty Dollars in the hands of the Secretary of the Driving Park Association, to trot the first week in September, preliminary arrangements to be made on signing agreement. This challenge will be open for one week. P. P. GILLIS. may 11—3i pd

HARDWARE SALESMAN WANTED.

A person who has had at least three years' experience in the Hardware line, can obtain a good situation by applying early. ROBT. T. HOLMAN, SUMMERSIDE. may 10—1w

NEW SPRING STOCK NOW OPEN! Ladies' and Children's Hosiery and Gloves, all sizes and kinds; Ladies' and Children's Underclothing; Prints, Chambrays, Lawns, Embroideries, Parasols and Umbrellas, very cheap. Mourning Goods; Mourning Goods! Mourning Goods! MOURNING GOODS!

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P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY. NOTICE. COMMENCING MONDAY, 29th INST., and continuing until Summer Time Table takes effect, a Special Passenger Train will leave Charlottetown at 5.45 a. m. daily (Sundays excepted) for Summerside, connecting there with steamer for Point du Chene; returning, will leave Summerside on arrival of steamer from Point du Chene. This train will run through to Tignish, and return on Wednesdays and Saturdays. J. UNSWORTH, Superintendent. Railway Office, Charlottetown, April 26th, 1889. ap 27—m w f t l May 20. PASTURE TO LET. TO LET—The Pasture on Two Fields, about 6 acres each, next to the Old Asylum. Apply to PETERS & PETERS. may 6—tf STEAMER "COILA" —WILL SAIL— From Summerside and Charlottetown FOR BOSTON, Carrying Freight at Lowest Rates. Shippers of Potatoes, Eggs, etc., should apply at once to R. Hunt, Esq., Summerside, or in Charlottetown to D. FARQUHARSON & SON. may 4—cod wky t 18th

