

Local and Other Items.

SIR A. T. GALT is indisposed.  
This letter of "Policy Holder" received. It will appear to-morrow.  
A PENNION of \$3,000 has been granted to Mrs. Garfield, widow of the ex-President.

REV. F. H. MURRAY was inducted as Rector of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, on Sunday last.

THE Ottawa Immigration Society have arranged for bringing one hundred servant girls from Ireland.

ONE case of drunkenness and one assault case were disposed of by the Stipendiary Magistrate this forenoon.

HON. EDWARD FERREPOST, ex-United States Minister to England, is in Ottawa in connection with railway matters.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has sent to the Senate the nomination of Wakefield G. Frye, of Maine, to be United Consul-General at Halifax N. S.

L. H. DAVIES, Esq., Mrs. Davies, and F. Peters, Esq., landed at Queenstown on Monday evening, and probably reached London last night.

HAVENHILL, MASS., was visited by a destructive fire on the 18th inst. Ten acres of the business portion of the city were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$2,500,000.

MELODY AND MELGONIST.—Rev. Mr. Moore's lecture on the above subject, advertised for this evening is postponed until to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at eight o'clock, p. m.

THE adjourned debate before the Y. M. C. A. Debating Club on the question "Should the Senate of Canada be abolished?" will be resumed this evening at their Hall. Chair taken at 8 o'clock.

TRAINS to and from Tigrish were stopped at Summerside. The Seairis train is at Mount Stewart. The Georgetown and Summerside trains arrived in Charlottetown. All outward trains were cancelled to-day.

TORONTO had a formal opening of her first coffee-house on the 17th. The Lieutenant-Governor, the Archbishop, the Mayor, and other prominent gentlemen were present at the opening and made speeches.

THE house of a colored man named James Johnson, near Waverley, N. S., was destroyed by fire on the 18th inst. Johnson's aged parents being helpless from old age, perished in the flames. The son in his endeavors to rescue them was badly burned.

MR. J. W. HECKMAN, C. E., of Nova Scotia, whose reported death out in the North West is contradicted, will have the pleasure of reading his own obituary notice in the *King's College Record*. It is not every man who can have that privilege.

W. A. HARRIS, station master at Windsor Junction, N. S., who was arrested on Friday on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the recent accident on the I. C. R., has been released on bail, himself in \$1,000 and two sureties in \$500 each.

THE United States Department of Agriculture has completed the cereal estimate for 1881. It shows that in no other season since the inauguration of crop reporting has there been so general a disaster, involving corn, wheat, barley, buckwheat and rye; oats alone are exempt from loss.

MRS. SCOVILLE has written a letter to Mrs. Garfield, urging her interference to save her precious brother's neck from the hangman's noose. It is an earnest prayer for forgiveness for her brother, on the ground that he was not responsible for the crime, coupled with a protest against the verdict, which she believes to have been unjust and barbarous.

THE Newfoundland Legislature opened on the 16th inst. The speech declares that the country is prosperous, the revenue exceeds the estimated amount; the railway progresses satisfactorily, and contains an element of solid prosperity by securing the development of the resources of the Province. It also announces that power has been given to make land grants on the French Shore.

WILLIAM WILSON, the aged witness recently examined at Saratoga, N. Y., as to Judge Spier's age, before Judge McFarland, in the O'Gorman-Arnoux contest for Judge Spier's seat in the New York Supreme Court, died on the 16th, aged seventy-nine, from exhaustion, produced by the tedious cross-examination to which he was subjected while on the witness-stand by District-Attorney Woodford.

THE London Times indicates that the Liberals will be induced to support *cloture*. Gladstone, in the House of Commons, referring to his alleged Home Rule utterances, said that "he simply repeated regarding local government in Ireland what he had often said—that the supremacy of the British Parliament must be maintained. The country cannot give Ireland what it cannot give Scotland."

NOT less than sixty families now in the United States, says the *Monde*, have applied to Mr. Charles Thibault for information regarding Manitoba, and have declared that, if the Government only allows them the advantages granted to emigrants from Europe, they will be glad to settle in that province. Mr. Thibault has already set to work at the patriotic enterprise of repatriating his fellow-countrymen, and is said to have every chance of success.

SUPPOSED TO BE LOST.—The brig, *Dol*, Grady, of Charlottetown, which sailed from Crapaud, P. E. I., Nov. 6th, for Cardiff, has not since been heard from, and is supposed to have been lost.

THE brig *Hetty Elen*, Evans, which sailed from Malpeque, P. E. Island, 3rd Nov., for Bristol Channel, and was spoken Nov. 27th, in lat. 47, lon. 35, with loss of rudder, spars, etc., has not since been heard from, and is supposed to have foundered with all on board.

ANOTHER SKATING TOURNAMENT will take place in the Citizens Skating Rink, on Friday evening next, commencing at 8 o'clock. Three valuable prizes will be offered, and if we may judge from the entries already made, the contest will be an interesting one. The contestants, so far reported, are William Brown, who won so many honors for skating in Montreal; William Weeks, who carried off first prize at the recent tournament in this city; Thomas Doyle, John Murray, D. Desbriey, H. Clements and Major Galbraith, all fast skaters, who will ensure a lively race. The committee who have the affair in hand will make provision for the comfort of spectators. Seats will be placed in the gallery for ladies. The Band of the 22nd Battalion will be present, to enliven the skaters. A good evening's sport may be expected.

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January 27, 1882 why

On the death of Mr. Campbell and Miss McLean who perished in the storm of February 10th, 1882.

The fierce old storm king was abroad, And howling in his giant strength, When three were lost upon the road That drags from 'Towm its weary length.

A fragile sister, brother, son, Had started for their distant home; But half the journey had been run, As down the storm upon them came.

It rages long, and loud, and wild, The snow in blinding clouds does fly, Then speaks the shivering sister mild, "Oh! must we in this cold storm die?"

The storm, in answer, louder blows, And whirrs but wilder, colder past, No hope the leaden sky now shows, And higher still the drifts rise fast.

And through the cheerless night and drear, Past whitening landmarks old and grey, Past hills and woods so bleak and bare, They wind upon their homeward way.

As louder grows the raging storm, And faster flies the cruel snow, They think of home so bright and warm, And crave the cheerful fire light's glow.

But yet their home is far away Through miles of drift and biting frost, And as night ends the dreadful day, They know that they are surely lost.

And now they seek some sheltered nook, To shield them from the bitter night, When suddenly with joyful look, The poor lad spies a lonely light.

To this he quickly takes his way, And soon has reached the wished for spot; Hope in his heart beams with glad ray, And fills it with exulting thought.

'Tis shelter for the lady weak, A refuge for his honoured sire, And now the wind may howl and shriek, And drifts pile higher and yet higher.

He opens wide the welcome door, Imploring help for the freezing ones, Leads forth men to the ice-bound shore, And to the moveless travellers runs.

They give no answer to the child, He springs quick to the parent's side, And learns, with cruel grief and wild, The storm had stilled life's ebbing tide.

Ah! who can fathom his deep grief, As now he watches with the dead? Salt tears may come to his relief, But o'er his heart hangs nameless dread.

When morn dispels the shades so drear, And shows the floecy drifts piled deep, Kind hands bear home the forms so dear, And o'er them loving friends shall weep.

Indian River, P. E. I., Feb. 18, 1882.

The Earth Drying Up.

THE LEVEL OF THE LAKES FALLING.

There is abundant evidence that the amount of water on the surface of the earth has been steadily diminishing for many thousands of years. No one doubts that there was a time when the Caspian sea communicated with the Black sea, and when the Mediterranean covered the greater part of the Desert of Sahara. In fact, geologists tell us that at one period the whole of the earth was covered by water, and the fact that continents of dry land now exist is proof that there is less water on our globe now than there was in its infancy. This diminution of our water is going on at the present day at a rate so rapid as to be clearly appreciable. The rivers and smaller streams of the Atlantic States are visibly smaller than they were twenty-five years ago. Country brooks, in which men now living were accustomed to fish and bathe in their boyhood, have in many cases totally disappeared, not through any act of man, but solely in consequence of the failure of the springs and rains which fed them. The level of the great lakes is falling year by year. There are many piers on the shores of the lakeside cities which vessels once approached with ease, but which now hardly reach to the edge of the water. Harbors are everywhere growing shallower. This is not due to the gradual deposit of earth brought down by rivers or refuse from the sewers. The harbor of Toronto has grown shallow in spite of the fact that it has been dredged out so that the bottom rock has been reached, and all the dredging that can be done to the harbor of New York will not permanently deepen it. The growing shallowness of the Hudson is more evident above Albany than it is in the tide-water region, and, like the outlet of Lake Champlain, which was once navigable by Indian canoes at all seasons, the upper Hudson is now almost bare of water in many places during the summer. In all other parts of the world there is the same steady decrease of water in rivers and lakes, and the rainfalls in Europe, where scientific observations are made, is manifestly less than it was at any period within man's memory. What is becoming of our water? Obviously it is not disappearing through evaporation, for in that case rains would give back whatever water the atmosphere might absorb. We must accept the theory that, like the water of the moon, our water is sinking into the earth's interior.—*New York Times*.

GRAND Gift Enterprise.

THE Committee for the above announce that, in consequence of a large number of tickets yet remaining unsold, and a number of agents not having made returns, they are compelled to postpone the Drawing until FRIDAY, the 3rd March next. The Committee feel that the ticket-holders would prefer to submit to this further postponement rather than that a large reduction should be made in the Prizes.

LAMBERT B. DISNEY, Sec'y to Com. Ch'town, Jan 13—4w eod w'ly pd

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Feb. 6, 1882.

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- 50 cads TOBACCO,
- 100 boxes RAISINS,
- 50 boxes CURRANTS,
- 230 boxes SOAP,
- 120 boxes PIPES,
- &c., &c., &c.
- 340 coils MANILLA,
- 184 casks KEROSENE,
- 40 cases LAMP CHIMNEYS,
- 100 dozen PAILS,
- 120 dozen BROOMS,
- 50 tins MUSTARD,
- 70 boxes PEPPER,
- 144 boxes BLACK LEAD,
- 40 kegs BAKING SODA,
- 1 bale CLOVES,
- 1 case NUTMEGS,
- 1 barrel SALT PETRE,
- 1 keg INDIGO,
- 40 boxes CREAM TARTAR,
- &c., &c., &c.

CARVELL BROS. Charlottetown, Jan. 21, 1882—pat 61 eod

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY offer Lands in the FERTILE BELT of Manitoba and the Northwest Territory for sale on certain condition as to the cultivation at

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CHARLES DRINKWATER, Secretary. Montreal, December 1st, 1881. [Se 17 8m2w]

Ocean Steamship Co.



OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. NOTICE.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the office of PEAKE BROS. & CO., on

Wednesday, 22nd of Feb. inst., at 7.30 o'clock, p. m.,

to take into consideration the propriety of extending the term of the Partnership of this Company, or otherwise, in accordance with the power contained in the Partnership Deed. Dated at Charlottetown, this 6th day of January, 1882.

PEAKE BROS. & CO., Managers. Feb. 6, '82—2w

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