said George Smith insisted, that deponent did not take the whole of the roots off, and requested deponent to do so; deponent saith, that all the turnips trimmed as aforesaid prior to his being so interfered with by the said George Smith, were trimmed both in tops and roots in the usual marketable way, and that the remainder thereof were at the request of the said George Smith, more closely trimmed. And deponent saith, that he believes the said George Lewis, after his entering the said field, saw the Turnips examined in his absence, as well as the remainder thereof which he assisted in judging.

The said Angus McLeod for himself saith that he was present at the judging of the Turnip Crop, on Government Farm as aforesaid, and assisted therin, and that the foregoing affidavit of the said Christopher Cassidy has been read and explained to deponent, and that the same is true in substance

CHARLES BINNS.
his
JAMES ⋈ DEAN,
mark.
his
JOHN ⋈ JACKSON,
mark.
his
CHRISTOPHER ⋈ CASSIDY,
mark.
his
ANGUS ⋈ CASSIDY,
mark.

Sworn by the said deponents, Charles Binns, James Dean, John Jackson, Christopher Cassidy and Angus M'Leod, before me, (being first read and explained to Deponents.)

THEOPHILUS DESBRISAY, J. P.

28th December, 1855.

We hardly thought that a harmless paragraph which appears in the Almanack issued from this establishment would have produced the captious article in the *Islander* of the Ist instant.

We have always been averse to bringing ourselves personally before the public in the pages of our journal, but as the Editor of the *Islander* has so unhandsomely and unjustly treated us, we feel compelled to answer his charges, and shew that writing under impulses the reverse of generous he has overstepped the truth, and furnished anything but a fair commentary on the article in question. It is apparent to every candid mind, that the Paragraph was inserted in the Almanack, more to fill up a vacant space, than to challenge criticism and was not perhaps as correctly worded as it might have been, and in quoting it the *Islander* had no right to make it still more so, by substituting the word *they* for *it*. We must, we suppose, let that pass for an error of the compositor.

He says that so long as we receive a mail with news but once a week, he does not see how we can publish news oftener. It is well known however that we receive mails *twice a week*, which are never destitute of some interesting paragraphs and frequently anticipate the news by the English mail in the shape of a telegram. These mails are due on Monday and Thursday nights (should they come a day after their time they make our case still more favorable) and to nearly every part of the Country we have mails sent out twice a week. Let us see therefore if there be no advantage in our semi-weekly issue, over the *Islander*, or indeed, over any of our weekly contemporaries as regards foreign and domestic news.

We are the first to publish the news that arrives by the mail on the first of the week—which is the most important one and which generally arrives before Wednesday and to most of our Country subcribers, we give that arriving on Thursday, as soon as the *Islander*, and to Georgetown and other places in that direction where the mail goes twice a week, sooner than the *Islander* does, for be it remembered, the Friday's *Islander* sent off on that morning does not contain the news by the Thursday night's mail. In the town—at the end of the week only which is generally the least important mail—he has a few hours the advantage of us, but that is made up, by our giving the news, when there is anything particular at that time, more fully by having a longer time to print it.

We have never thought it worth while to expose a practice in use by our contemporaries viz: that of putting a later date to their papers containing precisely the same news. We use no such deception.

We can assert, without fear of contradiction, and any person can satisfy himself of the fact by turning over as we have done the respective files of paper for this year, that we furnish more reading matter than any two of our contemporaries, and when the House of Assembly is in Session the difference will be far more apparent, because at that time each of our contemporaries will to a greater extent publish the matter that has been in the other.

As to the circulation of the respective papers we have been informed, that the *Islander* is equal, but not above ours in its ordinary or regular subscription, but we have often to publish several quires extra, which are sold over our counter on market days.

That the *Islander* has received a large accession during the past two years we do not doubt—we had 87 ourselves during the past year—had we made use of the same means as he has done, we might ourselves have greatly increased our lists. As it is our intention very soon to visit many parts of the Island, we still hope before the year expires, to carry out our assertion that Haszard's *Gazette* will be more generally *read* than any of the Island newspapers, the *Islander* to the contrary notwithstanding.

The *Islander* doubtlessly attributes the increase of his circulation to the spiciness of his political articles, and in this he is right, but we question, whether the increase in number is not attended by a loss in all well constituted minds of character and respectability. High seasoned food may stimulate the appetite for a while, but it is sadly injurious to healthful digestion and is accompanied with this misfortune, that the palate becomes blunted by repetition and continually craves an increase of the dose; so that we cannot help thinking that the articles in the *Islander* will have eventually to countenance too much cayenne for the generality of political stomachs, notwithstanding their proverbial capacity of endurance.

SUICIDE.—An Inquest was held at Free Town, Bedeque, before the Coroner of Prince County, on Thursday the 31st ult., on the body of James Laird, Farmer, who had committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn. From the evidence, it appeared, that on the evening before the fatal deed was comitted, the deceased went to bed at an early hour. He arose some time before day, while the family were asleep and taking with him a candle and lantern went to the barn. He then made a cord fast to a beam, above the threshing floor, placed a pair of harrows in a position suitable to his purpose, and from that position had swung himself clear from the floor. Early in the morning, his son went to the barn as usual and finding the door fastened inside, entered by another way, and to his great surprise and horror discovered his father hanging dead. The Jury returned a Verdict of *felo de se*.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.

On Thursday the 7th instant, a public meeting under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance was held in their Hall. presided over by J. W. Morrison, Esq., G. W. P. who in a neat and practical speech introduced the lecturer, The Rev. S. Patterson, A. M., Bedeque, and then announced the subject for discussion,—the principle and policy of the Maine Law.

The Rev. Lecturer in his introductory remarks, intimated that experience has abundantly proved that the traffic in alcoholic liquors, as a common beverage, is inimical to the interests of individuals and destructive to the order and welfare of society, and as the subject of its suppression is now occupying the serious consideration of all classes, in every civilized country. When he accepted the invitation of the lecture committee, he thought that the advantages and necessity of a Prohibitory Law in P. E. I. would be a suitable *Thesis* for his discourse to be delivered on this occasion.

After giving in his exposition an analytical refutation of the principal objections urged aginst the Maine Law, the learned lecturer in recommending the adoptation of such an enactment to this Island, submitted a lucid statement of facts—and an able arrangement of logical arguments. As the drunkenness and disorderly character of the people of any locality were in proportion to number of itsdrink-shops. Mr. Patterson urged the assembly to assist in every lawful way, the suppression of a traffic so ruinous to the health, happiness, and prosperity of all classes.

Although the weather was unfavourable, the meeting was attended by a large and respectable audience, who manifested considerable interest in the question, after some appropriate remarks by the Rev. Messrs. Fitz Gerald and C. I. Burnett and a hearty vote of thanks to the talanted lecturer, the President closed the Meeting.

MECHANICS INSTITUTE.—On Thursday evening last Silas Barnard Esq., delivered a practical and useful lecture on "Wood" its nature and qualites—he entered at some length into Vegetable Physiology; explained the difference between exogenous and endogenous Wood, and gave a complete and perfect view of the mechanical uses, to which this useful production of nature are applied. In illustration of his subject, he exhibited various specimens of *native* as well as *foreign* growth. An interesting discussion followed in which there was much diversity of opinion, as to the best time when *wood* should be *felled*, in order to make it last the longer.

His Worship the Mayor attended.

On Tuesday evening next, Archibald MacNeill, Esq., Secretary of the Institute will Lecture on "Scientific Knowledge."

It will be seen from the following titles of City By Laws assented to by the Lieut. Governor and Council that the City Council have not been as idle as many people have supposed; the truth is that the first formation of a City Code is no small matter. The Laws now alluded to, together with those passed previously, viz: the Market Act, the Fire Act, the Theatre Act, that for the City Seal, Quarterly meetings, and for purchase of Gas Lamps form the basis of a useful and respectable code.

The following will be published and put in force without delay:—

Titles of By Laws passed.

Amendment to Fire Act
Stands for loaded Vehicles,
Lock-up,
Licensing Criers,
Licensing Auctioneers
Pumps and wells
Auditing City Accounts
Pounds,
Drunkenness,
Nuisances,
City Marshal and Constables,
Weights and measures,
Disorderly driving.

Police Court.

Feb. 8th. The following persons were severally convicted on presentment of the Grand Jury of Queen's County for retailing spirituous liquors contrary to law, viz:

James Quinn, merchant, Queen Square.
Hugh Fraser, do do.
William Sneeston, Publican, Queen Street.
Nicholas Brown, merchant, Kent Street, and fined in the sum of Five Pounds each, with costs or be imprisoned one month each.

Martin Hogan, Publican, Queen Street, also presented, not convicted.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday last the Inaugural Address, on the formation of the above Society was delivered by the Rev. W. Snodgrass to a crowded audience at the Temperance Hall. After the meeting was opened with an appropriate prayer by the Rev. J. M'Murray, the Vice President Lt. Hancock, R N. introduced the Rev. Lecturer, who then addressed the meeting in a most eloquent style, and kept his attentive audience enchained for upwards of an hour. The association were so much pleased with the Address, that they have resolved to have it published, we will therefore defer any remarks upon it until we can canvass it more leisurely.

After a short address from the Vice President full of love and harmony, and good will towards all men, in which he brought the claims of the Association before the public, and besought them to be united and firm under the banner they had unfurled,—the young men were invited to leave their names to be balloted for admission into the Association. The Doxology was then sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. D. Fitz Gerald.

THE MAILS.—The Couriers brought the usual Colonial and American Mails on Thursday night, by which we have interesting news from California.

Published by authority of the City Council.

LAW to amend and explain a law made and passed on the 3d December 1855, entitled "a Law relating to the Fire Department."

[*Assented to 7th February.*]

WHEREAS the Act establishing a Fire department for the City of Charlottetown, makes no provision whereby the late Board of Firewardens or their Secretary and Treasurer should hand over the moneys and other property in their charge belonging to the City authorities.

Be it therefore enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown:

Sec. 1.—That the late Board of Firewardens shall forthwith make up their books and hand over the same with all papers, bonds, contracts, moneys and matters whatever in their possession belonging or in anywise appertaining to the said Board. And also the Fire Engines, Engine houses, hose, water casks, tubs, buckets, sleighs, carriages, staves, hooks and ladders, and all and every other implement and apparatus thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, unto such person or persons as the City Council may direct and appoint for that purpose.

And whereas it is necessary to be more explicit with respect to the election of the chief Engineer.

Be it also enacted,

Sec. 2—That the said Chief Engineer may be elected from any of the wards of the said city notwithstanding the same is not so expressed in the said law.

ROBERT HUTCHINSON, *Mayor*.
WILLIAM B. WELLNER, *City Clerk*.
January 23, 1856.

Died,

At Cape Traverse on the 6th instant, W. B. Dean, son of Mr. Lewis Muttart, aged 5 years.

Jan. 4, at his residence, Lot 49, Mr. Thomas Weatherbe, aged 63 years 6 months.

Birth,

On the 27th Jan. Mrs. W. H. Pope, of a daughter.

Married,

On Thursday the 7th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Brewster, Mr. George Longworth Lacey, to Ann Margaret, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Euston of Dog River

At Grove Cottage, on the 18th of January, by the Rev. W. Stewart, Arthur R. Cox, to Miss Uphemia M'Pherson, both of Cherry Valley.

By the Rev. Wm. Meek, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Joseph Harding, to Mary Ellen, eldest daughter of John Sims, Esq., of New London.

☞ The Rev. Mr. Sutherland will preach in the Temperance Hall on Sabbath first, the 10th instant, at 11 o'clock forenoon, and 3 in the afternoon.

IMPORTANT SALE OF

Household Furniture, Stock, Crop, Farming Implements, &c.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION at "DUNHATTAN," the residence of Captain McIntosh, about two miles from the City, on the Princetown Road, some time in MARCH, the whole of his valuable

Household Furniture, Stock, Crop, Farming Utensils, &c., &c.

For Terms of Sale, &c., *vide* Catalogues, to be had on application to the Auctioneer.

—ALSO—

TO LET OR FOR SALE "DUNHATTAN," the Freehold Property of Captain McIntosh. The Farm consists of 36 acres of cleared Land, in a good state of cultivation, well inclosed, and subdivided with posts and rails. The House is nearly new, well finished and commodious, and will be Let with 5 acres, 10 acres, or the whole of the land, as may be required.

☞ For further particulars, apply to Captain McIntosh, on the premises, or to the subscriber.

JAMES MORRIS, Auctioneer.

Charlottetown, Feb. 7.

PANORAMA.

£5 WILL BE PAID by the Subscribers to any person who will furnish the best original subject, (allegorical) in writing or in sketch, on the present War with Russia, from which a suitable *Act Drop* may be painted, for a Panorama now in process of execution in this City, and and shortly to be exhibited.

N. B.—Competitions to be closed and selections made 10th March. ensuing. Please address (prepaid) by Post Office.

MILLNER,
MURPHY
CHAPPEL.

Charlottetown, Feb. 1856.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber has on hand, which he wishes to dispose of at a very low figure:

100 Barrels No. 1 Labrador HERRINGS,
100 Quintals CODFISH,
500 M. Pine and Cedar SHINGLES.

JAMES PURDIE.

February 6, 1856.

Notice to Tenants on that portion of Township No. 27, known as Mrs. Mann's Estate

THE Tenants on the above estate are hereby notified that by Deed of Conveyance, bearing date the 26th day of Jan., last, past, and duly registered in the office of Registrar of Deeds, for the said Island, all the right, Title and interest of Mrs. ISABELLA MANN, in and to the said Township, with all rent and arrears of rent, due thereon, were duly conveyed to J. C. POPE, of Summerside, Esq, and that the said J. C. POPE, by Power of Attorney dated the 31st day of said month of January, duly appointed the Subscriber his Attorney, to demand payment of the said rent and arrears of rent. Now Notice is thereby given to the said Tenantry, that all moneys due by them for Rent, and arrears of Rent, must, without delay, be paid to *the Subscriber, at his office in Charlottetown*, and that in default of payment, legal proceedings will be resorted to for the recovery thereof.

W. H. POPE, Attorney for J. C. POPE.

Charlottetown, Feb, 8, 1856. 1m.

NOTICE!

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Wardens of St. Eleanor's, Episcopal Church, until the first day of March next, for the purpose of enlarging the Building. Plans, specification, and mode of payment may be ascertained by applying to Mr. JOHN HASZARD, merchant. Approved security will be required for the due performance of the contract.

JOHN HASZARD, }
NETUS DARBY, } Wardens.

St. Eleanor's, Feb. 4, 1856.—Isl.

SCHOONER FOR SALE.

THE Schooner *St. Croix*, 72 tons N. M., and 60 tons Old Measurement, built of Juniper and Oak, at St. Andrews, Canada. She is completely fitted with every requisite, even to compasses and chart, and is only five years old. For particulars, apply to WM. B. DEAN, Esq., or to the Subscriber at Cape Traverse,— JAMES WADMAN.

February 9th, 1856.