

Local and Other Items

A NUMBER of the Railway employees are suffering an attack of la grippe.

MASONIC.—The special meeting of Victoria Lodge called for this Monday evening, is postponed until further notice.

DR. GEORGE WARBURTON has secured "Bellevue," the residence and farm of the late Charles Hazard, Esq., and intends moving into residence there as soon as opening spring allows.—Society.

The great attraction on Tuesday & Wednesday will be the grand display at Jas. Paton & Co's.

MR. MICHAEL DALTON leaves here today to superintend the Portland Packing Company's lobster factory at Flat River. We wish him a pleasant and prosperous season.

A NUMBER of teams and men are at work macadamizing Water Street East, Main Street. This is a step in the right direction, as the traffic there will be heavy soon as navigation is fairly opened.

MR. TIMMERS of the Portland Packing Co. took his crew of lobster fishermen, etc., to St. Peter's Island in one of Messrs. Batt Bros. tugs on Saturday. Mr. Timmah is ready to begin work, but fears that the ice will prevent him for some time.

MR. E. H. NORTON, auctioneer, informs us that the sale of the old Revenue House property has been postponed until May 20th, as the Board of Trade are in communication with the Dominion Government, urging the purchase of this site for a new passenger station.

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James Paton & Co. Invite all who visit their Store on Show Days, not to leave before seeing their great display of Carpets and Curtains on the Second Floor—21

BATT's tug, Wm. Aitken, went out on Saturday with some seventy men for the lobster factories of the Portland Packing Company, situated at Governor's Island, St. Peter's Island, and Flat River. They left a number of men at the two former places, but were unable on account of ice to reach Flat River.

Just Received 1 Keg Goose & Brant Shot.—W. E. Dawson.

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FREE PRIZE OFFER.—The attention of our younger folk is drawn to the advt. of Mrs. G. Hooper, to be found in another column who offers to pay cash for all old postage stamps used in P. E. Island before 1872-1873 will be given to the first one answering, and sending an old used N. B. or M. S. shilling stamp.

Bargains in Guns this Month at W. E. Dawson's.

The steamer William went up to West River Bridge Saturday morning and loaded some two thousand bushels of potatoes, returning to Connelly's Wharf about noon, where she took in a further quantity and then moved up to McMillan's Wharf where she will complete her cargo.

MR. S. P. RONDEAU of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, has been appointed to visit New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island this summer in the interest of the Student Missionary Society's work among the French. The students have already done good work in this line, and are deserving of the warmest encouragement.—P. Wines.

Pneumonia and consumption follows colds, Johnson's Anodyne Liniment will prevent them. We are pleased to learn that Capt. Kelly will command the new steamer Fastnet, which will run between Halifax and Charlottetown, and intermediate ports, commencing about May 2nd. The owners are having another steamer built for the West India trade, to which it is understood Capt. Kelly will "transfer his flag" as soon as she is completed. The steamer Mayflower, to run between Pugwash and this port, is now being fitted up with new boiler, etc. Mr. W. W. Clarke is agent for both lines.

OUR readers may remember the somewhat eccentric little Frenchman, Mr. Choquette, M. P., who visited this city last December with Hon. Mr. Laurier. A despatch says:—"Mr. Choquette, M. P., advocate of Quebec, has entered an action for damages, amounting to \$500, at the instance of Guillaume Balenger, of St. Raphael, against Mrs. widow Ursule Carrier, of St. Henri, for alleged breach of promise. The couple were to be married and the banns were published in church. At the last moment, at the request of her children, it is said, the gay young widow declined the offer of marriage, hence the action.

SATURDAY afternoon a number of boys were observed on the Market Square tossing cents. They were mostly newboys, but there were some of a larger size. It was learned, by enquiry among the newboys, that these bigger boys decoy all the newboys they can to toss cents with them, and in this way do them out of their earnings, and thus some days, they say, one of these boys transfers to his pockets from fifty cents to a dollar of the money made by the smaller boys. The police should have an eye to those young gamblers.

THE report that the Stanley was ordered to this port Saturday caused no little interest during the afternoon. Speculation was rife as to whether she would arrive or not, and many eyes were turned seaward as evening advanced. The streak of smoke on the horizon was at last described with pleasure, and a great crowd gathered on the wharf to welcome the first arrival of the season. Capt. Finlayson brought his steamer up to the wharf in fine style, and a number of his friends were soon on board, and received a hearty shake of the genial Captain's hand. Capt. Finlayson reports that they passed through twenty miles of ice. From Caribou to Pointe Pelee there was little open water, and had it not been so calm they would have experienced considerable difficulty in proceeding. The Stanley brought a full cargo, including one carload of bal'd hay. Last season the Stanley made her first trip to this port on Sunday, 6th April, and the ice in the harbor was so firm that many walked out to meet her.

At Tryon, Saturday morning, 18th inst., Dr. Lawrence Tremaine, in his 81st year.

Time To Move.

Sir,—As there appears to be a considerable lull in the political atmosphere at present, and nothing of a very disturbing nature occupying public attention, would it not be of some advantage to us as a community for the leaders in the civic reform movement to take some steps toward dispelling any pessimistic views that may be entertained, and let us know what is absolutely necessary to be done? There is nothing so discouraging as being kept in suspense on this or any other subject of public importance. Move! leaders, move! True, Sir, it is a critical time, and will, no doubt, be so until the Government come to a decision in regard to the opening of the Legislature; but this need not interfere with this movement, or in preparing for an emergency. Should there be any decided opposition to the propositions, you would most assuredly be the better prepared to meet it. Let some members of the Executive of the Alliance recently formed take hold of no other matter, and push this matter. Doubtless the country looks to them as being leaders of the reform movement. A word to the wise is sufficient.

A REFORMER.

The Land Tenure

Sir,—The time is now approaching when the representatives of the people will assemble in the Colonial Building to transact the public affairs of the Province and look after the best interests of their constituents.

I think it therefore a fitting moment to direct their attention, through the columns of your valuable paper, to a question that is now agitating the minds of many of the poor farmers throughout the Island, viz., The Land Tenure. I desire to speak particularly of Lot 63. The original cost of land on said lot was \$1.50 per acre. The neighboring Lot (61) was sold for about 75 cents per acre. I cannot imagine what caused such a preposterous difference in the valuation. Now the interest and compound interest accruing on the first cost for the last 15 or 20 years has added to such an enormous amount that the people are completely discouraged. I notice that the Government have lately adopted the policy of the Irish landlords to a certain extent.

They have been taking steps to dispossess some of the occupants, hoping no doubt to intimidate the rest. It is all in vain. Neither hope nor fear can induce the poor farmers to accomplish impossibilities. The payment of their lands under existing circumstances is an utter impossibility.

It would be well for the Government to give this matter their careful and serious attention and try to have some re-adjustment of the land question. Let them cancel all the interest and compound interest on the lands, and where cost was exceptionally excessive (as in Lot 63) reduce it to a maximum standard with the adjacent Lots. The people will then be encouraged. They will make a desperate effort to pay for their lands. The money will flow into the public treasury, and in a short time every acre shall be paid for. The doors of the Land Office may be forever closed, and thousands of dollars shall be saved to the Province.

After all the yearly expenses in connection with the Land Office are deducted from the annual proceeds from the sale of lands, how much of a surplus goes into the Provincial treasury? It must be exceedingly small. Now would it not be much better to leave the interest and compound interest with the poor and needy farmer who had to toil hard 315 days out of each year in order to provide himself and family with the bare necessities of life, than to wrench it from him to go into the well replenished pocket of public officials?

Now Mr. Editor, as you are ever ready to advocate the farmer's cause, we would be pleased to hear your opinion on this subject. I do not write this in a fault-finding spirit or to criticize the actions of the Government. Neither am I prompted by selfish motive, being no land owner. I merely make this appeal in behalf of the people feeling confident that if the plan proposed were adopted it would work to the mutual advantage of both the Government and people.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I am yours, &c.,

Glen William, April 9th, 1891.

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April 20.

FLOODS IN QUEBEC.

Newfoundland Eggs

Shot the Priest and Suicided!

Called Off the Police.

[SPECIAL TO THE GUARDIAN]

Driven to the House tops.

MONTREAL, April 18.—The French settlements of St. Ann and Batican are flooded to the depth of six feet. The people are living on the tops of their houses. An acolyte causes the trouble. The water is still rising.

Tragedy in a Church.

VIENNA, April 18.—During the services at Haesen Cathedral, a shoemaker drew a revolver, and shot a priest dead. He next fired at an acolyte but missed him. He then suicided.

Murder and Suicide.

BROOKLYN, April 18.—Samuel Clarke, a merchant, fatally shot his wife, and then mortally wounded himself.

Heavy Damage.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 18.—An unknown schooner collided with the steamer Connecticut, damaging her to the extent of ten thousand dollars.

The Times on Newfoundland.

LONDON, April 18.—The Times, commenting on the Newfoundland delegation protest, says it much regrets that they entirely ignore the real difficulty—the French interpretation of the Treaty. They seem willing to set the house on fire in order to roast some Newfoundland eggs.

A Bold Robbery.

NORWALK, Conn., April 18.—Burglars fired a small barn here last night, and while the police and others were watching the blaze, they stole fifteen thousand dollars worth of jewelry and diamonds from Jackson's jewelry store.

Wealthy Haligonian Dead.

HALIFAX, April 18.—Martin P. Black, aged 76, who died today, leaves an estate valued at between eight hundred thousand and one million dollars, accumulated in the hardware business. Mr. Black was a bachelor, and a devoted Methodist.

Marine Disaster.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—The British ship Cathais was wrecked off the Caroline Islands, and ninety lives were lost.

King of Medicines

Scrupulous Humor—A Cure

"Almost Miraculous." "When I was 14 years of age I had a severe attack of rheumatism, and after I recovered had to go on crutches. A year later, scrofula, in the form of white swellings, appeared on various parts of my body, and for 11 years I was an invalid, being confined to my bed 6 years. In that time ten or eleven sores appeared and broke, causing me great pain and suffering. I feared I never should get well. "Early in 1886 the farmer's cause, we would be pleased to hear your opinion on this subject. I do not write this in a fault-finding spirit or to criticize the actions of the Government. Neither am I prompted by selfish motive, being no land owner. I merely make this appeal in behalf of the people feeling confident that if the plan proposed were adopted it would work to the mutual advantage of both the Government and people.

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LADIES!

French Kid Buttoned Boots, \$3.15; Reduced to \$2.50.

French Kid Buttoned Boots, \$5.00; Reduced to \$3.75.

French Oil Goat Buttoned Boots \$3.25 Reduced to \$2.50.

For a Few Days—Only for Cash, in order to make room for New Goods.

R. K. JOST, North Side Queen Square.

April 9—Ex 1w.

Davies' Drug Store

As we intend moving from the store at present occupied by us to the more commodious and central store in Morris' New Block some time in May next, we will sell all our stock of

Fancy and Toilet Articles,

viz: Soaps, Perfumes, Tooth, Hair, Children and Nail Brushes, Pastes, Powders, etc., at GREATLY REDUCED RATES until May Fifteenth.

Davies' Salve and Ointment.

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PER BOX AND BOTTLE. Agents for Lazarus, Opicians, London and Montreal. SPECTACLES of all kinds and prices. March 23, 1891.

Horses 40 Horses

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

40 GOOD WORK HORSES, weighing about 1200 lbs., the age of five to ten years; also some good sharp drivers. I will be in Charlottetown until Tuesday afternoon 14th, then Montague, Wednesday and Thursday, 15th and 16th, Charlottetown, Friday 17th, Summerside, Saturday 18th.

Apply to W. S. MCKIE.

April 11 6d Ex.

Carriage Builders

As we intend going out of the Carriage Stock Business we now offer our large

stock at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

DODD & ROGERS

CHARLOTTETOWN

April 3.—o d & w

A FREEHOLD FARM FOR SALE.

100 ACRES prime farming Land within three miles of Dundas Cross, and Grand River Bridge Wharf, where there is a good produce market. This Farm has 20 chains front, 25 Acres newly cleared, and 20 Acres more easily cleared. The remainder covered with a heavy growth of hard and soft wood.

Immediate possession will be given. Terms—one-half of purchase money paid down. Time will be given for balance.

JAMES MATHESON, Upton, Dundas.

March 25. 1 m w

WE NOT ONLY SELL SPECTACLES, WE FIT THEM.

Each Eye tested separately at a small extra charge.

E. W. TAYLOR, Optician, City.

March 13 1m d w

FOR SALE!

OR TO LET FOR A TERM OF YEARS, with or without power to purchase, the extensive Premises on Hillsborough Street, known as BRIDGES' FORK STAND. Possession can be given on and after the 1st day of May next. For terms, etc., apply to Mr. Weldon, at Law Courts, the agent of the owner.

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TO LET

THE STORE ON QUEEN STREET is now occupied by A. L. Brown, Esq. Possession given 1st of May next. If not let by that time it will be remodelled immediately.

Apply to THOS. W. DODD

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K. D. C. What is it?

March 30—41 w

GRAND SHOW DAYS

Tuesday & Wednesday.

James Paton & Co.

We will show the latest Novelties in Millinery, Mantles, Dress Goods, Costumes &c. &c.

Special Display Fancy Mascott Black Silks, Black and Colored Bangalines.

Also the largest and best assortment of Carpets and Curtains, Hearth Rugs and Squares.

It will repay anybody to visit this department to see the handsomest Silk Curtains we have ever shown.

Special Attractions at all the Counters.

JAMES PATON & CO. Market Square.

Charlottetown April 18,

BANKRUPT Clothes & Dry Goods.

HAVING purchased a large stock of Bankrupt goods, we will offer the whole stock at prices never before heard tell of on P. E. I.

English, Scotch, and Canadian Tweeds and Worsteds, worth \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 now for 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Also a lot of Dress Goods at half price. Come one and all if you know what a bargain is, and we will surprise you.

PROWSE BROS. The Wonderful Cheap Men.

NEW BOOTS! NEW BOOTS! Latest Styles, RECEIVED BY STEAMER STANLEY,

COFF BROS' CHEAP BOOT STORE

Charlottetown, Mar. 21.