

It is an every day occurrence, when people meet on the street, for them to accost each other with "How do you do?" "It is a fine morning," or "It is a wet day," as the case may be. "Is there any sign of business improving?" We, whose business it more immediately is, as journalists, to keep a watchful eye on the signs of the times and to chronicle every event which may happen to further the advancement of commerce, and the prosperity of the people, have much pleasure in directing the attention of the public to the present "signs of the times." In doing so, we do not mean some misty development, not yet realised, but which may happen in the future, portending that abroad the signs of the times are looking up that trade is advancing. The signs that we want to draw the attention to, are the signs put forth by the mercantile men of Queen street, and its surroundings, which, swinging out in held relief from the walls of the shops in Queen street, attract the eye and invite the attention of customers. Some few years since a fierce contention arose in New York between the partisans of two rival tragedians, Forest and McCready, relative to the rendering of a passage in a play. The words were "Hang out our banner on the outward wall the cry is still they come." Forest's rendition was, "Hang out our banner; on the outward wall the cry is still they come." McCready gave it, "Hang out our banner on the outward wall; the cry is still they come." Our business men have adopted the idea first started by our erratic townsman, Mr. Theophilus L. Chappelle, on Queen Square, who was the first to hang out his banner on the outward wall (and which we duly chronicled at the time, as we do every thing that may happen of importance) and ever since, in various ways, either by swinging or otherwise, the signs of the times have been improving, and the cry is "still they come." It is not our intention to give a description of all the signs in the City, but to notice the most prominent, and in doing so we will commence with emblems of the jolly god, Bacchus, gilded grapes, surmounted by kegs, hung out from the saloon of John Murphy, Lower Queen street. They present a very neat appearance and are inviting to those who admire the ardent. Further up, and across the street, hung up conspicuous to view, is a large Bass Viol, over the music store of C. P. Fletcher, no doubt indicating that music hath charms. Still further up, on the opposite side of the street, we observe a Lion recumbent over the store of W. A. Weeks & Co., dry goods merchants. Our opinion is that a Lion couchant or rampant would look better, but it is only our idea. We doubt not the firm have pleased themselves; and are satisfied with the Lion's share of the trade. We pass on to notice the signs of J. B. Macdonald, S. W. McMurray and George E. Full, all swinging gaily to the breeze, and pause a moment to admire the attractive sign of Bruce & McKenzie, merchant tailors, who, according to the design of their sign, can measure the capacity of any man externally if not internally. We next glance over at the mammoth boot over the shop of J. Dorsey, suggestive of the thought that there were giants in the days when boots of that size were worn, and then at the neat and unpretentious sign of P. G. Fraser, druggist, and rounding the corner take a view to the west at the excelsior sign of Tremain & Metcalf whose trade mark, if we may judge from their sign, is "upward and onward." We finish our observations with the latest development over the new grocery store of Robertson & Cameron, which we suppose is intended to Crown all the rest.

We wish them, one and all, every success. Long may they wave. And although those among them (if any there be) who do not advertise in the EXAMINER may not meet with the prosperity which attend those who do, they have taken the next best step to attain it. If they act on the hint we have given them they will be almost sure of success, and should all fail, they can then say, "Tis not in mortals to command success, but we have done more, Sempronius, we have deserved it."—Com.

Our hypercritical contemporary is "sure that the EXAMINER will, with all its industry, be unable to point to a single instance in which he (Hon. D. Laird) exercised the influence of his position to advance the interests of any of his relatives." It was, at the time, noted as somewhat remarkable that when in 1873, the Conservative officials were dismissed "without cause assigned," a relative of the Hon. D. Laird was about the only Conservative, appointed in like circumstances with those dismissed, who was retained in office. It may be that the singular circumstance of right being maintained in this one case, was not due to the influence of the Hon. David Laird. However this may be, it is quite certain that Mr. Laird made the best use of his high position as a Minister of the Crown, in forwarding the interests of one never and dearer than any relative—viz., himself.

W. R. WATSON, Esq., has on exhibition at his drug store, Queen street, a number of young salmon, from the Duck River Hatchery, which were presented to him by Col. Duvar, Inspector of Fisheries. These fish are but fourteen days out of the egg, are on an average about half an inch long, and are kept in a clear glass urn, in fresh spring water, and appear at all times very lively. They are fed on boiled liver, rubbed into grains. Parties desirous of seeing some of the first salmon ever hatched in the Province should call at Mr. Watson's Drug Store.

A CALL TO PRAYER.—Many Christians in the United States intend holding a Watch-Night Service on the 4th of June, for special prayer to God for a blessing upon all Christian workers, such as pastors, evangelists, editors and publishers, engaged in the work of holiness, that God may give them help and success. For all who would like to unite in this service there will be a Watch-Night meeting from 8 to 12 p. m., in the Y. M. C. A. Hall.—"The spirit and the bride say come."

FLOUR, Cornmeal and Beans, wholesale and retail, at the FISH MARKET.—j3

Correspondence.

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

To the Editor of the Examiner.

Sir,—Four issues of the Patriot have appeared since the publication of my "Valedictory" in the EXAMINER of the 21st ult. I then positively asserted that a member of the Patriot staff (A. C. H.) was the author of the letters supposed to have been written by Mr. David Lawson. The ominous silence of the Patriot is a sufficient admission that my accusation was unanswerable.

In again alluding to this matter, I do not desire to enter into a controversy with my "colleague," or his substitute, but only wish to disabuse the minds of a number of the electors of Ward 4, who may have given Mr. D. Lawson credit for having written the letters which appeared over his signature.

It is well that the ability of this "self-elected representative"—who professes to be able to "protect the interests of the tax-payers better than any other person"—should be FULLY APPRECIATED.

I am, &c.,  
THEO. L. CHAPPELLE.

Ch'town, June 3, 1880.

THE FIRE AT NEWSON'S FACTORY.—By an investigation held by the Stipendiary Magistrate to-day, it was proved that the fire which took place in Mr. Newson's factory on Sunday, was lighted by accident, and that the fire at Robertson & Cameron's was set by a boy, aged nine, who is hardly accountable for his actions. The Magistrate examined three witnesses—two boys and a girl. One of them—John McKenna—aged six, said that himself, his sister Margaret, aged twelve, and Charles Dinn, aged eleven, were playing in Mr. Newson's hay loft, and that Charles Dinn tried to light a pipe, when the match fell and set fire to the straw. They all got frightened. He and Dinn ran home, and Margaret went to the police station and gave the alarm. John Gahan, aged nine, had been with Dinn and the McKennas previous to the fire in Newson's. He acknowledged that he gathered some straw and paper, and placing them behind Robertson and Cameron's warehouse, set fire to them. The boy was admonished at some length by the Magistrate and then discharged.

ANOTHER INCENDIARY FIRE.—Last night at 9.50 an incendiary fire was lighted behind a new warehouse owned by Mr. Philip Coyle, in the rear of Mr. William Allin's. It was discovered by some boys who were lurking on the neighborhood, and the alarm was promptly given by them. The police and a few citizens went to the scene and succeeded in extinguishing it before any damage was done. The fire was made of a quantity of tar paper from dry goods boxes, and would, doubtless, prove serious had it not been discovered and quenched. No clue to the incendiary.

ALL kinds of American and Canadian Tobaccos at Rubin & Hart's.

THE Police are actively engaged at impounding cows found at large on the streets and squares. To-day one horse and three cows were impounded.

The bamboo lance, says London Truth, has been for many years in use in our Indian army; lately it has been adopted by the Germans, and at last, after much stupid indecision, it has come to use in the English cavalry.

MAPLE SYRUPS.—new importation—20 cents a pint, 32 cents a bottle, and \$1.75 a gallon tin, very choice at BEER & GORR'S.—j26

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

FRIDAY.....JUNE 4, 1880  
SUN RISES.....4.16 | HIGH WATER 8.45 p.m.  
SUN SETS.....7.41 | FULL MOON 22, 9, 35, 1m

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

Toronto, June 3.

Moderate to fresh winds, gradually clearing weather.

DIED.

On May 7th, at his residence, Lot 48, Mr. William Boyce, in the 82nd year of age.

August Flower.

The immense sale and great popularity of Green's August Flower in all towns and villages in the civilized world has caused many imitators to adopt similar names, expecting to reap a harvest for themselves at the expense of the afflicted. This medicine was introduced in 1868, and for the cure of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, with their effects, such as Sour Stomach, Sickheadache, Indigestion, Palpitation of the Heart, vertigo, etc., etc., it never has failed to our knowledge. Three doses will relieve any case of Dyspepsia. Two million bottles sold last year. Price 75 cents. Samples 10 cents.

NEW STOCK

- Perforated Mottoes,
- Panel Pictures,
- Scrap Pictures,
- Picture Mats,
- Japanese Wall Brackets,
- New Style Wall Pockets,
- Easel Photo. Frames,
- Scrap. Pictures, &c., &c.,
- MOTTOES, FRAMES (Walnut and Gilt);
- 20 CENTS EACH.

JUST OPENING AT

BREMNER BROS.

May 31, 1880—1w

LONDON HOUSE.

HAT DEPARTMENT.

- Silk Hats,
- Drab Shell Hats,
- Felt Hats,
- Straw Hats,
- Linen Hats,
- Indian Pith Hats,
- FOR HOT WEATHER.

Great Variety

CLOTHING

READYMADE

ORDER

Custom Tailoring

DEPARTMENT

IS FULL WITH WORK

NEW CUTTER.

The General Stock comprises the Newest and Best Styles in every department. Wholesale and retail. Cheap for Cash.

G. DAVIES & CO.

Charlottetown, May 31, 1880.

FRANKLIN HOUSE.

THIS Large New House, beautifully situated on the highest land, adjacent to the City, is now open for the reception of guests. This House has the advantages of freedom from dust and heat of a country residence, and is only 20 minutes walk from the Post Office. A neat Cab will run in connection with this House, connecting with Cars and Steamers. Guests will be driven to and from the House free of charge. Cab will run at regular intervals each day. TERMS MODERATE.

HENRY COOMBS, PROPRIETOR.

Charlottetown, May 22, 1880—pat tf

NEW OILCLOTHS!

—AT—

W. A. WEEKS & CO'S.

BEAUTIFUL NEW PATTERNS.

- 3 FEET WIDE,
- 4 1/2 " "
- 6 " "
- 9 " "
- 12 " "

W. A. WEEKS & CO., Queen Street.

Charlottetown, May 18, 1880—tu th sat

ESTABLISHED 1825.

CANADA CORDAGE FACTORY.

JOHN A. CONVERSE, MONTREAL.

MANUFACTURER OF CORDAGE of Every Description, including all sizes Manilla Rope, Tanned Manilla Hawasers, Lobster Marlin, Tanned Hemp Rope, Houseline, Hambroline, &c., &c., equal in quality to the best American. Prices on application. Jan. 7, 1880.

WAGONS, BUGGIES, Cow, &c.

I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, AT THE Queen Street Auction Rooms,

FRIDAY, the 4th inst.,

AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

- 1 Top Buggy (single-seated), 2 Vis-a-Vis Wagons, 1 Top Buggy (reversible seat), 2 Double-seated Wagons, 2 Single-seated Wagons, 1 Express Wagon, Cart Wheels, Wagon Wheels, &c.; 1 Thoroughbred Ayrshire Cow (4 years old), from Cow imported by Sir Robert Hodgson.

TERMS EASY. W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer. June 1, 1880—3i

Union Bank of P. E. Island.

DIVIDEND NO. 32.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of Eight per cent. per annum has been declared on the Capital Stock of this Bank for the past six months, payable at its Head Office and Branches on and after this date.

GEORGE MACLEOD, Cashier.

Charlottetown, June 2, 1880.

THE place to get your Printing done is at the EXAMINER PRINTING ROOMS.

NEW OPENINGS

Spring & Summer Goods

GLASGOW HOUSE,

Mens' Youths' and Boys'

- Clothing, Shirts,
- Paper Collars,
- Ties, Braces,
- Umbrellas,
- Hats and Caps,
- Cloths & Trimmings,
- Grey and White Cottons,
- Prints, Sheetings, Shirtings, &c.,
- Paper Hangings and Paper Blinds,

And a large stock of Superior Tea and other Groceries; a few cases Concentrated Lye in tin cans, for soap-making. All at lowest possible prices for Cash.

FRED. LePAGE & CO.

June 1, 1880—2aw

Turnip Seed. Turnip Seed.

JUST RECEIVED, a quantity of the Celebrated Skirving, Laing, Champion and Shamrock. All warranted fresh and good.

ROBERTSON & CAMERON.

May 31, 1880.

GROCERIES.

Our Usual Good Stock

CHOICE TEAS,

In CHESTS,

HALF-CHESTS,

and BOXES.

FLOUR!

The Best Brands in the Market.

NEW GOODS

—AT THE—

"CROWN GROCERY," NEXT DOOR TO W. A. BROWN & CO.

THE undersigned have much pleasure in informing their friends, and the public generally, that they have completed their Stock of

Choice Family Supplies,

and would ask all in search of Fresh Goods to give them a call.

ROBERTSON & CAMERON.

May 31, 1880.

NOTICE.

UPTON PARK is now closed. No Driving or Racing will be permitted on it until further notice. June 1, 1880.

New Boot & Shoe Store,

Beales' Corner, Charlottetown.

MESSRS. FLAIGER & BELL have much pleasure in announcing to the public that they have opened

A First-Class Boot and Shoe Store

At the above-named stand, where they are prepared to furnish Boots and Shoes of the best material, at the

LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES FOR CASH.

They have just received their Summer Supply of imported Stock, consisting of Ladies' and Gents' French Kid Boots and Shoes, in all styles; Buckle and Lace Shoes of all kinds, Star Vamp, Royal Cord and Toilet Slippers.

Terms Cash. Terms Cash.

Custom Work a Specialty.

FLAIGER & BELL.

Ch'town, May 19, '80—2w wklly

DORIES.

FOR SALE, Two American DORIES, in thorough repair. Apply at the FISH MARKET.

May 20, 1880.

JUST LANDED

PER STR "Miramichi, another lot of 10 BARRELS

"Montserrat Limetta Champagne,"

In lots of 1, 2 and 4 dozen, to suit buyers.

W. E. DAWSON & CO.

May 31, 1880—1f

CERTAIN TO PLEASE

—IN OUR—

Tailoring Department.

BEER & SONS.

Ch'town, May 22, 1880—2w

COAL.

ON HAND, fresh from the Mine, Round and Nat Coal, for sale cheap.

CAPT. JOHN HUGHES,

May 10, 1880.

FLOUR.

100 BBLs. VERY CHOICE FLOUR JUST RECEIVED.

B. BALDERSTON.

May 26, 1880—3w t s