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The week before last the London Standard contained a remarkable telegram from its Vienna correspondent, or rather I should say it was made remarkable by being published with approval by the official organ of the Government.

"The next war, as Lord Salisbury predicted, will probably come like a sudden summer shower, and if the Austrians look on quietly while the Russian Cavalry, Rifle Brigades, and Frontier Guards—the last now a regular military force—are being doubled, without in some way attempting to meet these measures, she may awake some morning to find that her supposed military superiority has vanished.

The next day this was reproduced in the Fremdenblatt, the organ of the Foreign Office, a very unusual step, and which hitherto seems never to have been done except to gain some distinct object, or to serve some important purpose.

"It is not, therefore, unjustifiable to assume that, in the present instance, the end in view is to warn Russia of the activity of Austrian vigilance. . . . That there is something threatening in the air is evident from the fact that the contractors for the building of the Roumanian fortifications at Bucharest and Galatz received three days ago pressing orders to expedite the work, which has of late been conducted in a somewhat leisurely way, with all possible despatch, even though the vote for the purpose has not yet been passed by the Senate."

As I suggested last week General Boulanger has ceased to be a wonder in London. He will probably remain there until some decisive change takes place in his fortunes. Meanwhile the preparations for his trial before the Senate go slowly on. What sensible Frenchmen think of the proceedings has been well expressed by M. Emile Ollivier. The case breaks down at every point. The existing Republic was established by a majority of one vote in an Assembly elected for a quite different purpose. The constitution was so framed as to leave room for a complete revision—extending to the form of government itself.

It is very interesting to see how in the world of nature men, from very early times, associated plants and trees and flowers with the mysteries of the Redemption. Dear old Evelyn says: "Trees and woods have twice saved the world: first by the Ark then by the Cross; making full amends for the evil fruit of the tree in Paradise by that which was borne on the Tree in Golgotha."

"Many a sign Of the great sacrifice which won us heaven, The woodman and the mountaineer can trace On rock, on herb, on flower."

Thus we have Holy Rood Flower, Passion Flower, St. Andrew's Cross, St. James' Cross, Cross of Jerusalem, Cross of Malta, Cross Flower, Cross Wort, Cross Mint, Crossed Heath.

The legend of the Aspen-Tree is thus beautifully told by Mrs. Hemans:

"Father:—Hast thou heard, my boy, The peasant's legend of that quivering tree?"

Child:—No, father; doth he say the fairies dance Amidst the branches?"

Father:—Oh! a cause more deep More solemn far the rustic doth assign To the strange restlessness of those who wan leaves.

The Cross, he deems, the blessed Cross, whereon The meek Redeemer bowed His head to death Was formed of Aspen-wood; and since that hour Through all its race the pale tree has sent down A thrilling consciousness, a secret awe, Making them tremulous, when not a breeze Disturbs the airy thistle-down or shakes The light lines of the shining gossamer."

This I believe to be a legend of the Scottish Highlanders.

With regard to the Passion Flower, most of your readers are familiar with Mrs. Hemans' lines. The legend is similar to that of the Robin Redbreast:

"These deep unwrought marks The village will tell thee (and with voice Lowered in his true heart's reverent earnestness)

Are the flowers' portion from the atoning Blood, On Calvary shed. Beneath the cross it grew, And in the vase-like hollow of the leaf, A few mysterious drops transmitted thus Unto the groves and hills their sealing stains,— A heritage for storm or vernal wind, Never to waft away."

I cannot refrain from quoting a passage from Hierologus by the late Rev. John Mason Neale, the well-known hymnologist, and the founder of St. Margaret's Sisterhood, East Grimstead, which directs attention to the naming of plants from another

point of view: "Ah! what ravages Botany has made in the poetry of flowers! Truly there was exquisite beauty in many of our old-fashioned country appellations. How many a tale of rustic love, yet lives in their names! Who can doubt whether arose such as Sweet William, Mary-gold, Herb-Robert, None so Pretty, Goldlocks or Timothy Grass? And by the very names were village maidens warned against Love-in-idleness and London Pride; and long delicious walks in the deep summer twilight and lingerings before the old grey cottage and palings at the wicket—they all live in one little plant, kiss-me-at-the-garden-gate. The forget-me-not is so called in every Christian tongue. In village botany, too there lingers many a quaint and lovely superstition; look for example at the fox-glove, that is, Flocks-glove, or Fairies-glove. What needed the villager to lament his poverty, when his meadows gave him Meadow-sweet, and Shepherd's-purse flowered in the waysides? What needed he to envy the skill of the physician, when for his sight he had Eye-bright, for his wounds Wound-wort, in the burning summer Fever-feu, for condiments Poor-man's-pepper; finally, against all possible accidents, All-heal! Merrily might the traveller wend on his way when there was the little Speed-well, to cheer him; Way-bread to support him, Traveller's-joy to welcome him; when though Dent-the-lion and Wolf-claw might meet his eye he would find no further trace of evil herbs."

"Palaeophilus—Yes, our boasted wisdom has fallen very short here in the unpronounceable and hideous names which we fasten on our delicate plants."

Prince of Wales and Ireland.

There is, says a London correspondent, a very general impression that Mr. Howarth's letter to the Times on the subject of the viceregalty was intended as a feeler to see in what direction opinion, as regards it, is going. The only member of the royal family who ought to go to Ireland would be the Prince of Wales. It is no secret that the Prince of Wales has always had very strong feelings about a royal residence in Ireland, and many years ago, one of his most trusted and confidential advisers, empowered by him, made known his opinions to the Queen, with a view to his going to Ireland in some capacity as her representative, if she felt she would be unable to do so herself. The Queen was much displeased and expressed her feelings strongly, as well as her desire that the subject should never be mentioned again, and the Prince, very wisely, not wishing to put himself into opposition to the crown, let the matter drop. The difficulty in finding a successor to Lord Londonderry has brought the question up again, and I believe that the Prince would gladly accept the position and undertake its duties if the country wished it. His position there would be different from that of a lord lieutenant, who must reside in Ireland the greater part of the year; whereas, were the Prince to go to Ireland, a residence of a few weeks during the Dublin season, from January to March, would be all he would be asked to do, which arrangement would not clash with his English engagements.

—In opposing the Imperial Federation movement, the Patriot is consistent with itself and its party; for Imperial Federation is in direct opposition to the idea of Unrestricted Reciprocity *alias* Commercial Union, which Mr. Wiman says, and the people of the United States evidently believe, is the "right road towards Annexation." But the Patriot's reference to the Jesuits' Estates Act as an evidence of the failure of the principle of Federal Government, is not fortunate. That Act was unanimously passed by the Legislature of Quebec; and, because it was so passed, because it was an Act within the cognizance of the Provincial Legislature, because they saw that its disallowance would interfere with Provincial rights,—the Government and parliament of Canada decided to leave it to its operation, though most of the members of both Government and Parliament undoubtedly believe that the Legislature of Quebec should not have passed it in its present form. A more notable instance of the strength and success of the Federal principle could not possibly have been mentioned; for in it we see that a large majority of the Government and Parliament of the Dominion subordinated their personal opinions in respect to the Bill itself, in order that the Provincial Right of Quebec to control Provincial affairs might be maintained.

Local Notices.

See Paton & Co's. window for newest styles in Gents' Scarfs.

Our neck wear is pronounced the finest in the city.—John McLeod & Co.

Fresh shad, halibut, codfish and haddock at the Fish Market.

A large stock of gents' furnishings, hats, etc., selling cheap at D. A. Bruce's.

Jelly Roll and Coconut Pies, fresh to-day, at the City Steam Bakery.—A. & C. Quirk.

Ladies and gents—You are respectfully invited to attend the great sale of boots and shoes at McEachern's Boot and Shoe Store this evening. Rush commences at 7 o'clock. Come early.

If you don't buy your clothing till you can buy it cheaper than Prowse Bros'. sell it, you will have a life-long wait. m18 3i

For you, dear reader.—If you want a pair of shoes, call and see McEachern, the cheap boot and shoe man. We are offering a special reduction of 7 per cent. on our usual low prices for to-night only.

Gents' Summer Underwear in Lama, Natural, Merino, Indian Gauze and Cotton, first rate value, at Paton & Co's., Market Square.

The man, woman or boy who doesn't buy clothing at Prowse Bros'. stands in their own light. m18 3i

Did you ever hear anything like it—good felt hats for 50c, 75c and one dollar at John McLeod & Co's.

First come, first served. That's the only discrimination Prowse Bros'. make. All can get a big bargain in clothing. m18 3i

There has never been anything like the rush for suits that we are having this season. Cause—low prices, good fits and honest work.—John McLeod & Co.

At Chicago, on the 15th inst., Tim Sullivan and Tom Curry, aged about 18 years each, found a bucket of whiskey in an empty barrel and drank it. They soon became stupid, and later convulsions set in, and when found they were lying insensible on the ground, their features horribly distorted. Sullivan died in two hours after taking the first drink. Curry is in a critical condition and is not expected to live.

Mr. Bridges' Premises

VISITED AND INSPECTED, AND FOUND TO BE IN A CLEAN CONDITION—THREE CERTIFICATES.

The following certificates from Drs. Johnson and Kelly, and from Councillors Large, Horne, McRae and Davison, speak for themselves:—

This certifies that at the request of the occupant and at the suggestion of the Stipendiary Magistrate, I have this day visited and inspected the business premises of Mr. Robt. Bridges, Hillsborough street, and found them to be clean and orderly.

Richard Johnson, M. D., Health Officer. Ch'town, May 17, 1889.

To Mr. R. Bridges:—

Sir,—I hereby certify that, living as I do next house to your premises on Hillsborough street, I have been in the habit of visiting said premises frequently for some considerable time, and have always found them in a very clean condition.

F. F. KELLY, M. D.

We hereby certify that we visited the business premises of Robt. Bridges and found them clean. We saw nothing to warrant such a report as made by Sanitary Officer McRae, and consider his report unjust and uncalled for.

Philip Large, C. C. Alex. Horne, C. C. Samuel McRae, C. C. Henry Davison, C. C. Ch'town, May 17, 1889.

Personal.

Fred. S. White, representing Greenshields, Son & Co., Montreal, is registered at the Hotel Davies.

Robert Winter, a young artist of San Francisco, lost his eyesight by looking with his naked eye at the eclipse on New Year's Day.

It is stated that the Czarwitich will soon be betrothed to Princess Helen, fourth daughter of the Prince of Montenegro. The Princess is now in a convent.

Charles J. Franklyn's cottage "Elberon," in which President Garfield died, was recently sold at mortgage sale for \$50,000. The property is said to be worth at least \$175,000.

Professor St. Clair, the aeronaut, while giving an exhibition at Houston, Texas, on Sunday, lost his grip on the parachute and fell 300 feet to the ground. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

The Shah of Persia has started out on another round of state visits. He is a most unwelcome royal visitor. It is said that those who provide for the accommodation of royal guests would rather undertake to lodge and feed a manager in one of the palaces or hotels than the Shah of Persia and his suite.

One of a recent party of convicts bound for Siberia was a Baroness and her husband, formerly her footman, sentenced each to twenty years servitude. The Baroness was married when young to an old man, and she fell in love with her footman. She poisoned her husband and was arrested, but the footman escaped. She subsequently escaped from the hospital where she was confined, sought out her footman lover, and married him. They settled in Kovno, and were only recently discovered there, living in abject poverty.

Rev. J. W. Wadman, pastor of the George Road Methodist Church, Victoria, B.C., formerly pastor of the Second Methodist Church in this city, and son of Mr. H. Wadman, of Crapaud, informed his congregation on Sunday last that it was his intention after the meeting of the conference, which occurs this month, to sever his connection with the church in order to engage in mission work in Japan. The Vancouver World reports that the rev. gentleman has perfected himself in the language of the Mikado's people, and will no doubt do much good among them, although he will be greatly missed by his many friends in British Columbia.

The auction sale of James McMurrer's house and premises on Grafton street, near the Athenaeum, takes place on Monday next, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Fresh Soda, Wine, Fruit, Graham and Pilot Biscuits at the City Steam Bakery.—A. & C. Quirk.

CAUTION.

Use of Hand Hose, &c.

WATER TAKERS are cautioned against making Hand Hose for other extensions to their water fixtures, until notice of the change is given at the Water Commissioners' Office, and the proper rate paid for the additional use of the water. Water takers are also forbidden to allow others to obtain water from their fixtures.

If the Waterworks By-Laws are not strictly observed, the Officer of the Board has instructions to promptly enforce the penalties for violating the same.

By order of Board, D. MACLEAN, Secretary.

Water Commissioners' Office, May 18, 1889. may18—3i eod her guar li

TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned Assignee of McEachern & Co., up to TUESDAY, the 4th day of June next, for the purchase of the following properties in separate tenders, viz:—

1. The Stock-in-Trade of the firm of McEachern & Co., in the Store and Outbuildings lately occupied by said firm in Souris East.

2. The Book Debts of said firm.

3. The private estate of Frederick Morrow, one of the members of said firm.

4. The private estate of George E. McEachern, one of the members of said firm.

5. The private estate of Roderick F. McDonald, another member of said firm.

A certified bank cheque, or money to the extent of 5 per cent. of the amount of each tender, must accompany every tender.

In case of any tender not being accepted, the cheque or money will be returned.

The stock list, schedules of book debts, notes, etc., and a schedule of the property of each member of said firm can be seen with my Agent at the office lately occupied by McEachern & Co., Souris East.

The form of tender must be the form furnished in said office in Souris East, and at the office of McLeod, Morson & McQuarrie, Charlottetown.

Dated at Charlottetown, 18th May, A. D. 1889.

NEIL McLEOD, Assignee.

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Queen's Birthday.

SATURDAY, the 25th of May, instant, has been appointed to celebrate the Anniversary of Her Majesty's Birthday.

His Worship the Mayor wishes his fellow citizens to observe the auspicious occasion by a General Holiday.

By order, A. H. MACPHERSON, City Clerk.

City Hall, May 18, 1889. may18—2i sat wed pat 2i mon thurs

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.

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A NICE HOUSE on Pleasant Street. Also a Double Tenement on King Street. Possession immediate. Apply to WILLIAM DODD, ap11

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

RETURN TICKETS, at one first-class fare, will be issued to and from all Stations on this Railway on Thursday and Friday, 23rd and 24th May, instant, good to return on the 24th and 25th inst. The Mail Special, running between Charlottetown and Summerside, will go through to Tignish on the 24th inst.

J. UNSWORTH, Superintendent.

Railway Office, Ch'town, May 17th, 1889. may17—6i wy prs li

Card of Thanks.

THE Superiority of the Charlottetown Hospital has much pleasure in tendering her most hearty thanks for the persevering kindness of the lady collectors, and for the many liberal contributions from the friends of the Hospital. may17

Water Works Supplies.

2,500 feet RUBBER HOSE, 3/4 & 1/2 in., HOSE PIPES & COUPLINGS, 5,000 feet GAL. IRON PIPE, 1/2 and 3/4 in., 10 coils LEAD PIPE, 1/2 and 3/4 in., HOSE BITS, ELBOWS and T's.

SIMON W. CRABBE, Walker's Corner.

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AUCTION SALE.

BUILDING LOTS.

BY AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, May 22nd, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the premises:—

Five Building Lots on Upper Queen and Douglass Streets.

—ALSO—

One Building Lot, 50x100 feet, on Stewart Street, between Upper Queen Street and Spring Park Road.

Terms at sale. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

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AUCTION SALE.

THE BRIGHTON TANNERY

—AND—

Adjoining Building Lots.

I AM instructed to sell by Auction, on THURSDAY, May 23rd, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the premises:—

The Brighton Tannery Buildings, Machinery, Plant, etc., with or without the plot of ground on which said buildings are erected, fronting 140 feet on Brighton Road, and running back 161 feet.

—ALSO—The adjoining Six Building Lots fronting on Brighton Road. See plans on large handbills. Terms at sale.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

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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 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.

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DWELLING HOUSE,

BY AUCTION.

I am instructed by A. A. Ryan, Esq., to sell by Auction, on the premises,

ON TUESDAY NEXT, 21st INST.,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON:

His Dwelling House, situated on Fitzroy Street, and partially damaged by fire. Building to be removed before the 10th June.

GEO. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer.

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PHOTOGRAPHS.

KELLY & CO., World-Famed Photographers, are now ready for business at TANTON'S STUDIO. As we have a fine light we guarantee the very finest work; and as we are only here for a few weeks, people will make early engagements. may16

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 5.15 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, Ch'town, April 26th, 1889. ap27—m w f 11 May 20.

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