

Local and Other Items.

Souris' Harbor is free of ice; no ice south of East Point.

The Patriot's tardy defence of Mr. McKenzie is much too weak.

The ice is now in a very dangerous condition, and hauling is suspended.

NUMEROUS flocks of wild geese passed eastwardly over the city last evening.

At London, Ont., Thomas Tower is suing D. McPhail for \$2,000 for biting his nose off.

D. BANKS MCKENZIE lectured in St. Stephen, N. B., Saturday last on "Father Mathew."

NEW Oranges and Lemons, and Cape Cod Cranberries just received at "The Confectionery."—2in

THE regular monthly meeting of Hook & Ladder Co. will take place in their rooms this evening at 7.30.

TO-DAY being the Annunciation of the B. V. Mary, services were held in the St. Dunstan's Cathedral.

THE Jury in the case of the Queen vs. McCannell on Saturday evening returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

By Cable to Peake Bros. & Co.:—Bark "Ralph B. Peake" arrived at Queenstown from Callao on the 23rd inst.—83 days.

At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this morning, Patrick Mulligan, drunk and incapable, was fined \$2 and costs or 8 days.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Caladonia Club takes place at St. Lawrence Hotel, to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock (sharp).

NEIL McLEOD, Esq., is the acting Stipendiary Magistrate in the absence of R. R. FitzGerald, Esq., who will be absent from the city for a week.

A BOY named George McDonald, son of James McDonald, carpenter, accidentally broke his leg while playing with a number of others at the "Four Gun Battery," Victoria Park, on Sunday.

A HORSE broke through the ice at the west end of Richmond Street this forenoon, and after the usual amount of harness cutting and sleigh breaking, he was rescued from his uncomfortable position.

THE parties arrested for stealing hay from the barn of John Longworth, Esq., were handed over to Theo. DesBrisay, Esq., J. P., to be dealt with, the robbery being perpetrated outside the Stipendiary Magistrate's jurisdiction.

At Halifax on Monday Hugh Jones, boat-swain's-mate of the "Moravian," was missed from the steamer. Yesterday his lifeless body was found floating in the dock at the wharf. He must have fallen into the water when returning to the steamer. He was a native of Scotland.

HEAVY PUNISHMENT.—A Fredericton, N. B., despatch of the 22nd says:—John Driscoll, who resisted the police, and Boulter and King, who destroyed the tombstones in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, received their sentences this morning, the former to four and the latter to eight years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

SEVEN men are reported missing from their homes in Toronto since the Monday riot. They are supposed to have been killed, or are badly wounded and in concealment. Some of them were seen at the riot and known to have been hit. William Clegg, who was shot in the shoulder while on his way home, lies in a dangerous condition. The injured policeman is progressing favorably.

A despatch from London, Ont., says:—Hargraves was brought before the Grand Jury and a true bill found against him on two cases of cruelty and torture to his apprentices. The indictment charges felony. A mob of several hundred assembled outside the City Hall. Extra precautions were taken by the police and a strong constabulary escort was formed to convey him back to jail. On his re-appearance a tremendous howl was set up by the crowd. Groans, hisses and howls were mingled with cries of "Hang the scoundrel to a lamp-post," "Lynch him," "Give the rascal a halter." The prisoner displayed abject fear, trembled violently and required the support of two constables to enable him to walk along. Were he to appear in the streets unprotected his life would not be safe. His trial was put off till the next Assizes owing to the absence of his late partner, Jarvis, who has absconded. Jarvis and his wife also are indicted for felony.

On Saturday evening the traversers, John Thornton, Patrick McGuigan, Thos. Smith, Thomas McCloskey, Gerald Sweeney, Nicholas Collins, Martin Carroll and Angus McDonald, found guilty of riot, appeared before the Bar of the Supreme Court to receive sentence for that offence. Mr. Palmer, counsel for the defense, moved for a rule nisi to quash the indictment. The objection was: that the Grand Jury who found it were not competent—one of twenty-four—Mr. Donald McKenzie—being an Orangeman. He read Mr. McKenzie's affidavit showing that he was a member of Boyne Lodge, the windows of which Lodge was broken during the disturbance, and that the expenses of the damage done to the hall was paid out of the treasury of the Boyne Lodge, into which Mr. McKenzie regularly paid his fees. Mr. Palmer also read the sworn objection of the traversers to Mr. McKenzie as a Grand Juror, and said that the very fact of Mr. McKenzie being an Orangeman was enough to disqualify him as a Juror. Mr. Hodgson also moved for a rest of judgment on the ground that a number of the demurrers to challenge were not good. The rule was granted, and the argument will take place to-morrow.

Correspondence.

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

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—If the writer of the letter published in this morning's Patriot, signed "One of the Congregation of St. Paul's," had attended the meetings of the Congregation called to consider the Church Bill, he might have saved himself the trouble to inform the congregation of a fact already known to them—or at least to all who take sufficient interest in the well-being of the Church—to attend its meetings. I will not here offer any opinion on the question at issue, it being one that does not concern the general public, and should therefore not be made a subject for newspaper controversy. But I cannot refrain from refuting the statement made by the Patriot's correspondent, viz.: that the said Bill is now being rushed through the Legislature, which is not consistent with the facts, inasmuch as the Bill was in the hands of a grant Committee for several months before it was presented to the Legislature, and has also been submitted and approved of by all the parishes in the Island.

Yours, &c., CHAIRMAN.

The Toronto "Globe" vs. the "Patriot."

To the Editor of the Examiner:

SIR,—The Patriot labors hard to prove that Mr. Pope is a Protectionist because he voted for Sir John A. McDonald's resolution in favor of a readjustment of the tariff. The editor of that paper is well aware that there is no foundation for his assertion; but presuming on the ignorance of his subscribers he keeps on making assertion with surprising energy. Surely the opinions of the Toronto Globe on the trade matter are as reliable as those of the Charlottetown Patriot. The Hon. George Brown, who owns the Globe, is one of the leading statesmen of the Dominion. Its chief editor, Mr. Dymond, is a member of the House of Commons and a strong supporter of the McKenzie Government. The Globe, its owner and editor and supporters, belong to the so-called Free-Trade McKenzie Party. If, as the Patriot asserts, the resolution for which Mr. Pope voted was a Protectionist one, it is hard to see what object the Globe could have in view in declaring that it was not a Protectionist Resolution. The Globe, with all its knowledge of the facts and circumstances under which the vote was taken, says:—"It is called a Protection Resolution by courtesy, but it was really nothing of the sort. Mr. Pope, the champion Free Trader, might safely vote for it and boast himself with perfect consistency the champion Free Trader still. Again, the Globe says Mr. Pope will go back to Prince Edward Island and boast himself to be the champion Free Trader of that Province still; and he will be justified in doing so, because if a change of government were to take place at once there would not be any change worth mentioning made in the tariff. When it is recollected that this endorsement of Mr. Pope's vote is from a paper politically opposed to him and the party he supports, it is all the stronger. The Patriot's misrepresentation of Mr. Pope can only be accounted for on the ground that no matter how Mr. Pope votes he is to be the object of the spleen and malice of that journal.

Yours, &c., FREE TRADER.

Imprisonment for Debt.

To the Editor of the Examiner:

SIR,—I shall feel obliged to you for space in your daily for two or three letters on the subject of imprisonment for debt. I deem any preparatory remarks uncalled for, further than to declare my disapproval of an Act that is a disgrace to our Statute Book. In the course of his remarks on the address in reply to the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, the Hon. Mr. Sullivan said:—"There was the abolition of imprisonment for debt, which had been promised by the Leader of the Government, when in Opposition, and he was astonished that no mention was made of this measure in the Speech"; to which the hon. Attorney General replied as follows:—"The hon. Leader of the Opposition had spoken of an amendment he had moved last session; but his memory must have been defective on this point. Perhaps he had thought and turned over some resolution in his own mind; but if he did, he had had prudence and wisdom enough to keep them to himself." Now, Mr. Editor, I challenge any man to produce a more evasive reply to a truthful statement than the one here made by the Leader of the Government. Your readers will not fail to note that Mr. Sullivan charged the Leader of the Government with having promised, when in Opposition, to abolish imprisonment for debt; but Mr. Davies, instead of manfully replying to the charge, and honestly confessing that when in Opposition, during the session of 1876, in his place on the floor of the House, he denounced in the strongest language the then Government for retaining on the Statute Book a law to thrust into prison a poor man, for no other crime than that of being poor, he equivocates by substituting "last session" for "when in Opposition." As a supporter of the present Government, I am surprised to find its leader guilty of such unpardonable quibbling. For proof that Mr. Sullivan's memory is not so defective on this point as the Attorney General would have the public believe, I beg leave to reproduce, from the Parliamentary Reporter of 1876, what Mr. Davies actually said on the subject of imprisonment for debt. The following is a verbatim report of Mr. Davies' speech, delivered on the 16th of March, 1876:—"Now, sir, there is a subject in which I have taken a deep interest. I allude to that of imprisonment for debt. Let any hon. member of this House visit our Jail and see the number of strong, able men incarcerated there who ought to be home earning food for their families, and he will be convinced that imprisonment for debt should be abolished. Of course due regard must be had for the rights of creditors who have become such under the existing law, but for the future they should not be permitted to deprive a man of his liberty merely because he happens to be their debtor. Sir, this system of imprisonment for debt has been abolished in the neighboring Provinces and in almost every civilized country. There is no real necessity for it in this Island, and it should be abolished. While the present Government is in power, I entertain small hopes that this desirable reform will be brought about." The sentiments expressed in the foregoing will find an echo in the breast of every liberty-loving subject in

this Island. I am confident that it would have added materially to the popularity of Mr. Davies had he introduced an Act this session to abolish imprisonment for debt; but, to use Mr. Davies' own words, "while the present Government is in power I entertain small hopes that this desirable reform will be brought about." I shall not further trespass on your valuable space to-day; in my next I shall make startling revelations respecting the practical effects of this iniquitous law, and leave your intelligent readers to judge whether a more inhuman law obtains in any Christian country than that of imprisonment for debt, which at present stands on our Statute Book—a souvenir of the "dark ages."

March 25, 1878.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

House of Assembly.

MARCH 26, 1878.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

House in Committee of the Whole, to consider the Bill to amend the Public Roads and Bridges Act.

One of the amendments provides that all men between the ages of sixteen and sixty shall be liable—at the discretion of the Supervisor—to turn out and break the roads—except teachers—who are entitled to receive Legislative aid as such—and clergymen.

Another provides that persons who have, or are supposed to have, encroached upon a public road, may be required to prove that the road was not intended to be of the width of sixty feet; and, if he cannot do so, he may be compelled to move his fences back to the proper line without compensation.

Expensive Government.

(From the Moncton Times.)

"It said," says the St. John Globe, "that Earl Dufferin's salary, the cost of his residence, and the expense of his annual excursions foot up \$130,000 a year," and adds:—

It is a question, however, whether for Canadian purposes we want such expensive Governors. The sum of \$130,000, or even \$100,000, is a high price to pay for a Governor General, no matter how good he may be. * * * Could we not be governed for one-half the money? Is it not possible to get a Canadian Governor who, say for half or quarter the sum of \$130,000, would suit all our wants as well as Earl Dufferin? Well, no, not quite as well, but well enough?

This Moncton Times pertinently remarks that this is pretty cool, proceeding from the organ of a "reform" Government—an "economical" Government—a Government who came into power to amend, revise, correct, and curtail the errors, abuses, extravagances and wasteful expenditures of what they were pleased to call "their corrupt predecessors!"

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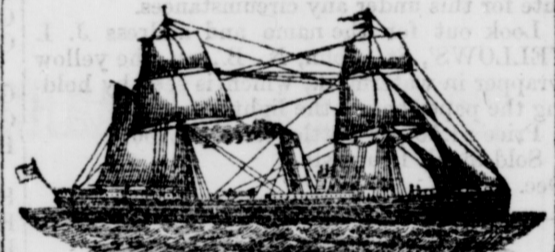
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I. C. HALL.

Ch'town, March 22—2i

1878.

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OF P. E. ISLAND. SPRING TRIP.

The First-class Iron Screw Steamship "Prince Edward,"

1364 Tons Register, Cased 100 A1, which is the highest class at Lloyds.

Robert Fraser, Commander,

Will be on the Berth at Glasgow to receive Cargo about the 15th March,

Leaving Glasgow for Liverpool, about the 5th April, and will leave

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On or about the 15th April,

Carrying Freight at through rates from London, deliverable at Charlottetown, Pictou, Georgetown, Summerside, Souris, Alberton and Shediac.

For Freight or Passage, apply, in London, to JOHN PITCAIRN & SONS, 69 Cornhill; in Glasgow, to JAMES KELSO, junr., 134 St. Vincent Street; in Liverpool, to PITCAIRN BROTHERS, Brockley Buildings, 51 South John Street; in Pictou, N. S., to NOOSAN & DAVIES or here, to

PEAKE BRO'S & Co., Managers

Charlottetown, Feb. 2, 1878.—3tw

Marine Insurance Company

OF P. E. ISLAND.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held in their Office, corner of Great George and Lower Water Streets, on Thursday, the 25th March, at Eleven o'clock, forenoon, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business.

By order, F. W. HALES, Secretary.

Ch'town, 12th March, 1878.

SPRING GOODS!

Ex S. S. Northern Light,

AT THE

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WILL BE SHOWN ON MONDAY, the 4th March,

200 PATTERNS CANADIAN TWEEDS,

West of England and Scotch Makes.

BLACK & BLUE BROADCLOTHS,

Worsted & Fancy COATINGS!

SINGLE GARMENTS and SUITS made up in the best styles and at the shortest notice.

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We offer SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS in House Furnishing Goods—

DAMASKS, REPPS, CRETONNES, MOREENS, ETC.

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CARPETINGS, HEARTH RUGS, MATTS & MATTING, FLOOR OIL CLOTH, ETC.

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30 Bbls. No. 1 HERRING, 25 Qtls. HAKE.

For Sale Cheap at A. McNEIL'S AUCTION ROOM.

50 BBLs. NO. 1 APPLES!

IN PRIME ORDER, SELLING FAST AT A McNEIL'S AUCTION ROOM.

No. 11 Queen St., March 20—6i cod

AUCTION!

Fishing Station at Rustico.

TO BE SOLD, ON

Thursday, the 9th May next,

at 11 o'clock, on the premises,

THE FISHING STATION of the late E. E. Churchill, which comprises all that tract of Land situate on Rustico Beach, in Lot 24, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a stake set in the west side of Water Terrace, and in the northeast angle of Fishing Station No. 1, in possession of R. B. Morrison, and running thence by the Magnetic Meridian of the year 1764, south sixty degrees west, two hundred feet, to the shore of Rustico Bay; thence north sixty degrees east to the said Terrace; and thence southwardly along the same to the place of commencement—together with Buildings thereon.

4 Fishing BOATS, 8 DORIES, 35 PUNCEONS, Lot of Fishing Gear, Baits, Barrels, &c., &c.

Terms at sale. J. S. CARVELL, Administrator.

Ch'town, March 11—cod wkly t sale

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Ch'town, March 12, 1878—2aw

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ever imported in this City, which we are selling at least 10 PER CENT. LOWER than any house in the trade.

We have also a Large Stock of

AXLES; American and Canadian SPRINGS both side and Elliptic; American Canadian, and the celebrated Campbell & Fowler make.

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Tire Steel, Iron Bolts, Castings,

and everything required in the line, at PANIC PRICES. Special inducements to CASH BUYERS. Call and inspect for yourselves.

BOURKE, SON & CO., City Hardware Store.

Ch'town, Feb. 23—2w 2aw ne & ar 2w

NOTICE!

PERSONS having left Umbrellas or Parasols at the Subscriber's Establishment for repairs, are requested to call for the same within two months from date, otherwise they will be sold to pay expenses. Establishment opposite Bridges' Pork Store.

JOSEPH CUNEO, Hillsboro' St., March 18—4i