

**Local and Other Items.**

**COLD.**—Mr. Cundall's thermometer registered 12° below zero last night.

**NO TRIALS.**—There were no trials at the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this morning.

**THE NORTHERN LIGHT** left Pictou this morning at 9 o'clock, with the English and American mails.

**SKATING.**—Large numbers are taking advantage of the splendid skating between the Railway and Ferry Wharves.

**LICENSING BOARD.**—There will be a meeting of the members of the Licensing Board to-morrow evening at 4 o'clock.

**THE SECOND MEETING** of the "Week of Prayer" will be held in Prince Street Methodist Church this evening.

**DORSEY & JOST** are now prepared to put *Rubber Soles* on Leather Boots; they keep the foot dry and prevent slipping—8 pat ar

As will be seen by advertisement the St. Joseph's T. A. Society will give a literary and musical entertainment on Thursday evening next.

**THE ICE** on the West and North Rivers is now strong. On Monday several parties crossed those rivers on foot, and to-day attempts were made to bring teams across the North River. The ice at Hickey's Wharf is safe, and several teams crossed this morning.

The market of to-day is an improvement on the last, yet there is a small display in both departments. The following are the prices:—Beef from 5 to 8 cents per lb., geese from 45 to 70 cents each, butter from 25 to 28 cents per lb., do, tub from 19 to 21 cents per lb., eggs from 22 to 25 cents per doz., hay from 75 to 85 cents per cwt.

**THE "SOUP KITCHEN"** COMMITTEE acknowledge, with many thanks, a liberal donation from Mrs. Churchill. There are at present thirty-two families who secure assistance three times a week, while there are at least twelve who are on the "occasional" list. Fowls and any other supplies suitable for the sick will be gratefully accepted, to be left at Horne's brick store, corner Queen and Fitzroy Streets.

**ST. JOSEPH'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.**—At a meeting of the above Society, held in St. Patrick's Hall on the 7th inst., the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Hon. A. A. McDonald; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Creamer, M. P. Hogan, Frank J. Conroy, Peter Curran; Treasurer, John McSwain; Recording Secretary, D. O'M. Reddin, jr.; Assistant do., Dominick McKenna; Corresponding do., John McPhee.

**Supreme Court.**

The Hilary term of the Supreme Court commenced at the Court House, in this city, to-day. Chief Justice Palmer, presiding. There were submitted to the Grand Jury five criminal cases, forty-eight civil record cases, and ten appeals from inferior courts. The following are the gentlemen composing the Grand Jury:—

Donald Ferguson, foreman; J. B. Polard, Robert Muth, James D. Mason, John G. McKenzie, John Hughes, Angus Gregor, C. Lowther, Charles L. Strickland, Geo. Wright, Donald McKenzie, James Reddin, Dennis E. Clarke, Wm. C. Bourke, James Horne, Adam Murray, Charles Gregor, Donald Palmer, Wm. H. Aitken, John Binna, John Johnstone.

**Colored vs. Bald-headed.**

Years ago the well-known firm of W. & Co., Boston, agents for a popular line of Australian packet ships, received a letter of inquiry from Cincinnati. Correspondence followed, and second cabin passages were engaged for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hatfield, their son Joseph Jr., and Miss Blanche, who were politely urged to put in an appearance in Boston on or before May 5, as "the good ship Daniel Sharp, whereof Joseph D. Cushing is master for the present voyage," would sail on the day following, weather permitting.

On the morning designated a young darkey exquisite, sporting r tall hat and ivory-headed cane, sauntered into the elegantly appointed office and demanded:—

"Is dis yer de office of W. & Co.?"

"Yes, it is," growled the senior W. from behind his desk, frowning over his gold-bowed spectacles at the intruder.

"Well, sah, me and my folks are gwine out to Melbourne in your ship Daniel Sharp, I"—

"Not if I know it—you are not going to do any such thing."

"How so, sah? Didn't I correspond with you from Cincinnati, and engage passage for my foddar and mudder; and Miss Blanche?"

"What! is your name Hatfield?" roared the dismayed agent.

"Yes, sah, my name's Hatfield, and—"

"Why in the debil didn't you notify me that you were colored?"

"Why in the debil didn't you notify me dat you was bald headed?"

The pertinent rejoinder silenced old W., and, although two or three passengers who preferred to have the color-line drawn outside of a ship's second cabin gave up their berths and were refused their passage money; the Hatfields complacently sailed in the "Sharp."

**A Lively Seance.**

A lively Spiritualistic seance occurred at Boston a few days ago, in which a Mrs. Bennett, a "materializing medium," who had been exposed once before, was again shown up as a barefaced fraud. Several Spiritualists, of an unusually candid and inquiring disposition, became satisfied that there was trickery in Mrs. Bennett's manifestations, and devised a plan for probing the whole business to the bottom. A few evenings since the medium promised to show to one of them, named Robinson, the form of his little daughter, who had died some time before, and the investigators took this opportunity as the most favorable one. At the appointed time the lights in the chamber were extinguished, and Mrs. Bennett appeared with the "spirit," in which Robinson pretended to see a resemblance to his daughter, making no comment on its remarkable growth since it entered the realm of shade. After a few tender words he suddenly seized the "spirit" round the waist with a firm grip, a confederate turned on the lights, and Robinson found himself embracing a strapping lass of 160 pounds weight who had entered the room on her knees. Some of the medium's friends rushed to the rescue, and a vigorous pulling and hauling occurred, which finally resulted in the escape of the astonished "spook" in great disorder. Another "spirit," who had figured earlier in the evening, took the opportunity to rush through the door in very scant attire and vanished into an adjoining chamber and locked the door. Mrs. Bennett has concluded that her performances are getting too realistic for perfect success, and has disappeared from the horizon of Boston, but, of course, such little episodes as this don't shake the faith of the main body of the believers at all, and they wait patiently to be gulled by the next comer.

**Miscellaneous News.**

The bait question attracts much attention in Newfoundland, to whose shores American fishermen yearly resort in increasing numbers for bait supplies, some of which they catch for themselves, and the rest of which they, for the most part, obtain by hiring Newfoundland fishermen to collect for them. In consequence of their enjoyment of this privilege, American fishermen engaged in the Cod fishery on the banks of Newfoundland are able, it is said, to make three trips per season instead of two, as formerly. A privilege so great ought, in one way or another, to be paid for.

The Archbishop of York has declared publicly that he is in favor of opening the English Churchyards to the Non-Conformists, and their religious services. It is reported that Lord Beaconsfield, and others of the Cabinet, making a majority of the whole, are willing to concede the Non-Conformist claims.

The French ultra-Republicans are demanding the impeachment of the Rochefort Ministry for an alleged contemplated *coup d'etat* MacMahon denies that any such *coup* was intended, asserting no steps were taken except as precautions against armed resistance, which some of the newspapers had threatened in the event of a Government demand for a second dissolution.

**NOTICE.**

THE Book Debts of SYLVANUS KEITH & CO., of Charlottetown, Merchant Tailors, having been made over to me, under a Bill of Sale, I hereby give notice to persons indebted to said Sylvanus Keith & Co. that the amounts of their respective accounts are payable to me, and me only; and immediate payment of the same is requested.

ALEX. HAYDEN.  
Ch'town, Jan. 2, 1878.—Signed

**London House! Grand Success!**

We Will Offer on Saturday Next, the 5th inst.,

**THE BALANCE**  
OF OUR SPLENDID STOCK OF

**Black and Colored Dress Goods,**

Cashmeres, French Merinoes, Persian Coats, Paramattas, Repps, Poppins, Serges, Lustres, Coburgs, etc., at cost.

A SPECIAL LOT OF

**FANCY DRESS GOODS,** at half price.

**Balance of Ladies' Trimmed Hats,** at half price.

**Balance of All-Wool Shawls,** at cost.

**A Special Lot Selling at half Price.**

**Balance of Ladies' Wool Scarfs, Clouds, Breakfast Shawls, Sleeveless Jackets and Sacques,** AT HALF PRICE.

**A Lot of Ladies' Hosiery!** AT COST.

**THE BALANCE OF LADIES' ULSTERS**—AND—

**WATERPROOF MANTLES** AT HALF PRICE.

**THE BALANCE RAILWAY RUGS** AT COST.

SPECIAL LOT, IN

**BED QUILTS!** 45 cts., 65 cts. and \$1.00 each.

**The Balance Red, White and Fancy Flannels** at Cost.

**Balance All-Wool Blankets,**

at the following rates:—  
PAIRS for \$4.25 worth \$5.50; \$4.50 worth \$6.00; \$5.00 worth \$6.50; \$5.25 worth \$7.00.

**THE BALANCE OF CLOTH AND RUBBER OVERSHOES:**

Mens' Plain, \$1.10 per pair; Fancy, \$1.20 per pair; Ladies' Plain, 85 cts. per pair; Fancy, \$1.00 per pair.

**300 DOZ. TOWELS!** Special Lines, —4 cts., 8 cts., 12 cts., 25 cts. each. A decided bargain.

**SHEETINGS AT COST!**

**Clothing Department.**

**The Balance of Men's Reefers, Top Coats and Ulsters,**

AT THE FOLLOWING RATES:

Reefers for \$4.00, worth \$4.75; \$5, worth \$6.00; \$6.00, worth \$7; Top Coats for \$4.75, worth \$5.75; \$5.75, worth \$7.25; \$9.75, worth \$11.95.

Ulsters for \$7.50, worth \$9.00; \$8.50, worth \$10; \$10.50, worth \$12.00.

**The Balance of Boys' Clothing**

AT A GREAT BARGAIN.

A LOT OF

**MEN'S ALL-WOOL FLANNEL SHIRTS,** For \$1.25, worth \$1.75.

THE BALANCE OF

**Buffalo and Wolf Robes, Coon Skin Coats, Ladies' Fur Muffs and Mantles,** AT COST.

**Black & Colored Silks, at Cost.**

A LOT OF

**FANCY & JAPANESE SILKS!**

AT HALF-PRICE.

The Balance of the 7,000 YARDS OF CARPET, advertised during the month of December, in

**RICH BRUSSELS, TAPESTRY, WOOLS, FELTS, &C., &C.**

We only ask an inspection of the

**CARPET DEPARTMENT**

and are confident the prices will give satisfaction, and so with every other department of the house, as the stock is unrivalled for its value and extent.

**GEO. DAVIES & CO.** January 2nd, 1878.

—AT THE—

**London House**

THE GREAT

**CASH SALE**

Advertised during the months of November and December, which has given such universal satisfaction in town and country, we have decided to continue from the beginning of the year, offering still Greater Attractions to those who wish to buy.

**A Choice Lot of ENGLISH TEAS,** by chest and small package, marked very low.

**GREAT INDUCEMENTS**

Are offered in the Cloth Department, and parties in want of Suits or Single Garments, can have them made up at the shortest notice, and in the best style.

The latest Instalment of **NEW GOODS** just received by "Northern Light," via Halifax.

**GEO. DAVIES & CO.** January 2nd, 1878.

**AUCTION SALES.**

**GREAT AUCTION SALE!**

Rich and Elegant Furniture.

The manufacture of one of the finest establishments in the Dominion,

—COMPRISING—

HANDSOME DRAWING ROOM SUITES, CHAMBER SUITES, CENTRE TABLES, EASY CHAIRS, OTTOMANS, DAVENPORTS GILT MANTEL MIRRORS, ETC.

The whole for positive and unreserved sale on

**Wednesday, the 16th inst.**

commencing at 11 o'clock, a. m., at the Subscriber's Saleroom, Queen St.

No one should fail to attend this sale, as the goods are a superior lot—such seldom being offered at Auction, even in large cities; and as the whole consignment must be closed out, great bargains may be expected.

**W. D. STEWART,** Auctioneer.

Jan. 4—pat t sale.

**FOR SALE!**

THE STEAMER

**HEATHER BELLE,**

with all her Machinery, Boats, &c., will be offered at Private Sale, until **THURSDAY,** the 10th day January, 1878.

Should the Steamer not then be sold at Private Sale, she will be offered at **PUBLIC AUCTION,** at 12 o'clock, noon, on **Thursday,** the 10th day of January.

For terms and particulars apply to **JOHN HUGHES,** Agent, Ch'town, P. E. I., Dec. 26, 1877. } saw pat a ne till 10th

**QUEEN INSURANCE CO., Y. OF ENGLAND.**

**CAPITAL . . . TWO MILLIONS STERLING.**

INSURANCE effected on all kinds of Buildings, Merchandise and Produce. Also, on Vessels on the stocks. Special rates for isolated residences. Losses settled promptly.

**GEORGE MACLEOD** (Union Bank), Agent for Prince Edward Island. June, 1877—

**Notice to Procrastinators!**

All Accounts furnished at Xmas and Midsummer of last year, that remain unpaid after the First February next, will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, without distinction of persons.

**MARK BUCHER.**

Jan. 2, 1878—

**SWEET ORANGES,**

APPLES, Lemons, Grapes, Figs, Nuts, Onions, Raisins, Currants, Spices. All kinds Crackers, Preserves, and the largest assortment of Confectionery to be had on the Island. Fancy Toys, Flour (by the bbl. or lb.), Tea, Sugar, Soap, Candles, Pepper, Mustard, Vinegar, and a variety of Groceries.

**ALEX. MCKENZIE,** Queen Street.

Ch'town, Dec. 27, 1877.—tu&fr3w

**Wants, etc., etc.**

Advertisements under this heading in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for **TEN CENTS** per day.

**LOST.**—On the 29th of October, from the house in which Mr. Sinclair formerly resided, a Prayer Book of the Reformed Church of England, which was seen in the house after the fire. The finder will be rewarded on leaving it at the EXAMINER OFFICE. Jan. 8, 1878.

**WANTED.**—Two boarders in a house situated on one of the best streets. Apply at the EXAMINER OFFICE. Jan. 8, 1878.—3i

**WANTED IMMEDIATELY.**—One good DRAFT HORSE. Apply at **HALL'S FISH MARKET,** Charlottetown, Jan. 7, 1877.—3i

**TO LET.**—A House at Spring Park, containing seven rooms. Can be let in one or two tenements, to suit parties. Apply to **JAS. B. GAY.** Jan. 5—3i\*

**WANTED.**—An EXPERIENCED ACCOUNTANT to take charge of a set of Books in a Merchant's office in the city. Must be a good writer. Address A. B., EXAMINER OFFICE. Jan. 3, 1878—3i pat 2i

**WANTED.**—Immediately, a Tanner and Courier. Apply to **SIMON BOLGER,** Head St. Peter's Bay. Dec. 22, 1877.—4