

Local and Other Items.

MAILS are crossing both ways to-day.

THE room paper at the Diamond Bookstore is the best and cheapest in the city.

THE "Northern Light" will (weather permitting) leave Pictou for Georgetown tomorrow morning.

THE frozen body of an unknown man was found on the post road leading from Halifax to Chester, on the 12th inst.

THAT sense of extreme weariness indicates disordered blood. Ayer's Sarsaparilla purifies and invigorates. [mar 17 lw wky]

I. O. O. F.—Union Degree Staff No. 1, meet for practice at eight o'clock this evening, at Oddfellows' Hall, Queen Street. All Oddfellows welcome.

A NUMBER of Oddfellows of this city intend paying a fraternal visit to Prince Edward Lodge, No. 22, of Summerside, to-morrow, Thursday evening.

MRS. MARGARET MCKENZIE, who died at Marble Mountain, Cape Breton, on the 7th inst., aged 102 years, could relate incidents that occurred 90 years ago.

A MEETING of the stockholders of the new Masonic Hall Company will be held this evening (Wednesday), at eight o'clock, in the Masonic Hall, Water Street.

THE Rectors and Wardens of St. Paul's Church have kindly consented to allow the Fire Department use the Church bell as a fire alarm until Little John is repaired, or an electric alarm is obtained.

ATTENTION.—The Charlottetown Engineer Company will meet for drill in their room in the Armory, on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., at eight o'clock sharp.—G. L. DOUGHERTY, Major Commanding.

THERE is said to be in active operation in Rostow, in Russia, a society of women child murderers, who destroy children by means of narcotics. These female thugs are instigated by a fanatical woman, who says:—"It is the duty of every woman to save the evils of life to as many children as possible, and to make them participate in the bliss of Heaven before the earth has contaminated their souls."

By the report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, we learn that \$46 bears were killed during the last fiscal year as a cost to the Provincial Treasury of \$2,538. This is a gain of 163 bears, as compared with the previous fiscal year, and a gain of 255 over that of 1881. George Bartlett, of York County, carries off the championship with twenty bears, the next in rank being N. Hastag, of Carleton, with eleven.

THE Scotch Dye Works of Halifax, N. S., are doing an immense business. This establishment has the reputation for turning out choice work. Old clothing, dresses, window curtains, feathers, and in fact everything in ladies and gents apparel, is dyed and finished without requiring to be ripped. The charges are very moderate. The agent in this city is Mr. Theo. L. Chappelle, at the Diamond Bookstore, who is now prepared to receive all descriptions of goods and return them to the owner as good as new.

MANITOBA is threatened by the fenians. A despatch from Fargo, Dakota, says a largely attended meeting was held there on the 13th inst. Report was made that three cases of arms were stored at a convenient point, should there be need for them in Manitoba. A number of leagues have been formed in Dakota. It was reported that there was great activity and interest in the organization in the larger cities further east, and that moral and material aid would not be lacking when there should be a call for them over the line.

SPEAKER MARDEN, of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, told a good story at the New England Club dinner, a few days ago, illustrative of how people sign petitions without reading them. A petition was recently received in the House praying for legislation to fix more definitely the rights of colored children in the public schools. The petition had been widely circulated by colored people, and it bore the signatures of judges prominent business men, and various public officials, without regard of color. The preamble of the petition read, when presented:—"We, the undersigned, parents of colored children," etc.

A MONSTER SHARK.—The Panama Star reports that a shark was captured at Taboga on Friday last by Senor Volerio Lopez which measured 10 metres, 40 centimetres in length, about eleven yards. It was taken with a harpoon, and when dragged on shore it caused the greatest excitement among the villagers. An animal eleven yards in length would be a pleasant fellow to tackle either on land or shore, particularly when, as in this case, as an informant states, "although it has no teeth, its mouth is large enough to hold a horse." The amateur photographer of the Boston Herald, photographed the animal, and obtained a good picture of it, with its jaw half opened and a full-grown boy standing in its mouth.

MATTHEW ARNOLD.—The paper read before the Literary and Scientific Association, last evening, by Mr. T. A. LePage, was a fine literary and analytical effort. It was evident from the paper that Mr. LePage had made a study of his subject. He presented Mr. Arnold pleasantly and clearly in his tripartite character, as poet, a philosopher, and as a theologian who differs with those who hold to the old time interpretation of the Scriptures, and yet who sees new beauties and new truths in the Word of God. Those present bore away a much better idea than they ever before entertained of one who represents advanced thought and culture in English society. We must say that those who spoke on the subject of the paper showed much metaphysical acumen, and their comments were appropriately critical and appreciative. Some of the speakers thought that Mr. Arnold, while dissenting from some of the received interpretations of holy writ, did not furnish substitutes to replace the discarded dogmas. Dr. Taylor, however, in a few incisive remarks, presented Mr. Arnold from the standpoint of a strictly honest inquirer, anxious to find out for himself, and not blindly depending on the resources or opinions of others. The other speakers were Messrs. John Newson, W. A. Weeks, Donald Montgomery (superintendent of Education), Geo. E. Fall, S. S. Peterson, Robert Smallwood, H. C. McDonald, and James McDonald, of the Customs Department. On Tuesday evening next, a young gentleman of the Charlottetown will read a paper, before the association, on the "Electric Telegraph." A factory and telegraph instruments will be used to illustrate the subject. The hour of meeting is eight o'clock, and those who purchase tickets will please be punctual, as the paper and the discussion will fully occupy the two hours of the session.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.]

Osman Assures his Followers of Success.

SCAKIN, March 18. The spirit of Osman Digna and some of his adherents is far from broken. He has returned with as many as 2,000 followers to the neighborhood of his former encampment. He adopts the same tone in his intercourse with his people as before. He assures them the hard battle will be successful.

Osman's Head Not Wanted.

LONDON, March 18. A telegram from Admiral Hewitt says he offered £1,000 for Osman Digna's head, because the latter murdered two of Hewitt's messengers. The Marquis of Hartington has ordered the reward to be withdrawn.

Zobehr Pasha's Appointment.

LONDON, March 18. The News says it believes that the Government will decline to sanction the appointment of Zobehr Pasha to the Governorship of the Sudan.

Old Business Men in Difficulties.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 18. Several old business men of long standing are reported to be in difficulties. The Marine and Fire Insurance Companies here have lost most heavily within the past month.

Hewitt's Proclamation Spurned with Contempt.

SCAKIN, March 18. Admiral Hewitt's proclamation offering a reward for Osman's head is spurned with contempt by the Sheiks about him.

British Army Estimates Passed.

LONDON, March 18. In the House of Commons to-day the Army Estimates Bill passed. The amount appropriated is £4,230,000.

Parnell Sneing for Rents.

DUBLIN, March 18. Mr. Parnell has brought action in one of the city courts, to recover arrears of rent from one of his tenants.

Dynamiters on Trial.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 18. The Supreme Court opened to-day, and Brecken and Holmes, the dynamiters, are being tried.

Gladstone's Health.

LONDON, March 18. Mr. Gladstone's health is slightly better. His doctor advises absolute rest.

Another Fatal Snow Slide.

LEADVILLE, March 18. A number of miners were killed yesterday by a snow slide at Camp.

Flogged for Mutiny.

SCAKIN, March 18. Forty Egyptian gendarmes have been flogged for mutiny.

Osman Declares he will Renew the Fight.

SCAKIN, March 18. Osman Digna declares he will renew the fight in ten days. [No Ottawa news.]

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, March 19—10 a. m. Light to moderate variable winds, stationary or slightly higher temperature.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Charlottetown, 19th March, 1884. Highest temperature yesterday... 30.1. Lowest temperature (read at midnight)... 12.1. Lowest temperature this morning... 9.5. Temperature this morning, at 8 o'clock... 14.2. Temperature this afternoon, at 1 o'clock... 29.0.

DIED.

At the residence of his mother, South Boston, Mass., February 23rd, of consumption, George D. Douglass, formerly of this city, aged 26 years and 3 months.

It is with feelings of sadness that we record the death of Geo. D. Douglass. He lived from his childhood in this city, and had been employed in Mr. Phillips' Marble Works several years. He went to Boston three years ago, and was engaged by Messrs. Torrey & Bowker, corner of Torrey's and Portland Streets, where he remained ever since, till failing health prevented him. He was a young man of fine talents, and won a high position in his trade, and by his modest and unassuming manner won the esteem of his employers and shop-mates, and a large circle of friends. He was buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery. A very large company of Island people and other friends accompanied him to his last resting place. His mother, sisters and brothers have the kind sympathy of many friends in this city in their sad bereavement.

At Brackley Point, on March 2, of measles, Leigh Shaw, youngest son of Neil and Hannah Shaw, aged nine years and nine months, deeply regretted.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

Suddenly of heart disease, on the 20th February, Jane, beloved wife of Lawrence Buchanan, of Brookfield. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth, ye shall with the Spirit, that their works may follow them."

At the residence of Felix R. Buote, Rustico, March 3rd, Sheotise Doucette, relict of the late Marian Martin, aged 94 years. Deceased was among the first settlers of Rustico.

The Budget.

(From the Shareholder and Insurance Gazette, Independent.)

THE annual statement in regard to the financial condition of the country has just been made in Parliament by the Finance Minister, Sir Leonard Tilley. That it would present features of a less uniformly satisfactory character than the public has been accustomed to for the last few years past had already come to be generally understood before the official statement in question was made. The failure of the wheat crop, especially in Ontario, sensibly decreased the value of our exports, and from various causes the lumber interest showed a similar large diminution. An excessive overproduction on the part of the cotton manufacturers also had for a time a depressing effect on the public prosperity, from which it has not wholly recovered. These and other similar incidents Sir Leonard made no attempt to conceal or extenuate, but submitted them without any reservation. In spite of all these and other drawbacks, however, the Finance Minister found himself still in a position to give an account of his stewardship which, partizanship apart, cannot fail to be satisfactory to the country. If there has been a diminution of revenue it had not only been anticipated but it has not been of a nature or to an extent to act prejudicially on the credit of the country in the money markets abroad. On the contrary we are assured that Canada never stood so high there as she does to-day, and should she appear in London once more in the character of a borrower a loan could now be effected on terms more favorable than any hitherto reached. It was an inevitable part of the Budget speech that Sir Leonard should have to deal with the rate of taxation. The opponents of the policy of the administration of which he is so important a member have persistently represented that under it that rate has been increased. The Finance Minister, on the other hand, sets forth in his statistics that the taxation required to produce a revenue sufficient to meet the expenditure last year was \$4.82 per head of the population as compared with a taxation of \$4.88 per head from 1874 to 1879, and an average taxation of \$4.81 per head since the present Government assumed office. The same Minister is equally explicit as to the public debt, which, he says, measured by the annual interest charge, or, in other words, the burden it imposes on the people, has been actually reduced under the administration of the present Government. The circumstances under which this reduction in rate of interest has been effected were so fully set forth here from time to time as they occurred that it would be superfluous now to repeat them. The net outcome of this reduction concentrates in the above exposition, and shows the great ability with which the financial affairs of the Dominion have been handled under its present head. Judged by this Budget speech the Government fails to see any grounds for alarm as to the immediate financial and commercial future, and with the great means at its command of ascertaining the precise situation in every nook and corner of the land this assurance must be most acceptable. The great difference between the passive quietude that now exists in business circles and the active panic and bankruptcy that prevailed not so long ago needs no pointing out. The view that we are for the moment undergoing the former phase only, and are in no danger of the latter, will be gladly hailed. It is not likely, however, to lessen the bitterness of partizanship where the financial affairs of the country are involved, for that hostility has been already marked this session by even exceptional rancor and disingenuousness.

An Absence of Honesty and Efficiency.

Legislative Committees have during the past week been investigating the departments of New York and other City Governments. The Committee report that in hardly one office or department in New York city, irrespective of political affiliations, did they find both honesty and efficiency. Indeed, the whole government of the city they say, so far as examined, seemed to be in a condition which is absolutely appalling.

In Albany the committee recommend an indictment by the Grand Jury of Clerks in the Surrogate's Office who have illegally collected fees. In the Sheriff's Office, the report says, the abuses disclosed are too numerous to admit of more than cursory mention. In the Civil branch of the Sheriff's Office they found repeated and flagrant instances of blackmail, and the charges for transportation of prisoners in 1883 showed that more than half of the amount charged was clean profit. Summing everything up they find that the sheriff in 1883 received \$85,119 for his services. Therefore the committee report a bill making the office a salaried one and fixing the amount at \$25,000 per annum. The evidence taken shows that the sheriff has in his possession moneys to which he has no possible title, and which had been taken from the treasury by means of fraudulent vouchers by the sheriff's subordinates. In conclusion the committee say information has been furnished them tending to show that some of the remaining departments in New York are in a condition fully as bad as those examined.

The French Loan.

The loan now being floated makes an addition of 3,566,000,000 francs to the debt of France in the last six years. The new interest will amount to 457,900,000 francs, though it will net the Government only 356,000,000, as the rate of issue is 76.60. The loan of 1,000,000,000 francs in 1881 was issued at 83.25, so the present rate shows a depreciation of nine francs sixty-centimes in the credit of the Government in three years.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate

UNEQUALED. Dr. R. M. Alexander, Fannettsburgh, Pa., says: "I think Horsford's Acid Phosphate is not equalled in any other preparation of phosphorus."

Female barbers are the latest New York notion. The girls are to be selected for their beauty and dexterity with the razor; flirting is to be strictly prohibited, and everything is to be conducted according to the most rigid etiquette. What an ordeal a shave from such a barber would be to a sensitive young man.

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Table Linens, Towels, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Room Paper.

Rugs, Mats, Carpets, Oil Cloths, etc., all standard Goods, and prices low. PERKINS & STERNS.

Ch'town, Feb. 26, 1884.

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Ch'town, March 12, 1884.—codwky

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BARGAINS.

I AM selling the balance of my Furniture I saved from the fire of the 20th ult., at J. D. McLeod's corner, Queen Street, at a reduction of from twenty-five to fifty per cent. below usual prices.

JOHN NEWSON. Ch'town, March 8.

Brick Yard To Let.

THE Montrose Brick Yard, (1 1/2 miles from Southport), together with Dwelling House, Stable, Kilns, Pugs, etc. For particulars apply on the premises to

JOHN B. STEWART, Southport, Lot 48, March 4, 1884—2w wky 21 pd

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MORTGAGE SALE.

TO be sold by Public Auction, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of May next, A. D. 1884, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon,

ALL that tract, piece and parcel of land, A hereditaments and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Charlottetown, in the said Island, being part and parcel of Town Lot Number (92) ninety-two, in the fourth hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, aforesaid, having a front of forty-six feet on Cumberland Street, and being eighty-four feet (84 feet) in depth back from said street, and bounded on the south-east by Joseph Maher's land, formerly James Hancock's, and on the north-west by the lands now in possession of Widow Brothers, and extending back from said street by parallel lines at right angles with said street.

The above sale is made pursuant to a Power of Sale, contained in an Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the twenty-first day of November, A. D. 1877, made between Michael Welsh and Elizabeth, his wife, of the one part, and Barbara O'Halloran, of the other part, which Mortgage has been duly assigned to the undersigned.

For further particulars apply to Mr. Edward J. Hodgson, Solicitor, Charlottetown. Dated this fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1884.

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