

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

THE SENATE.

The Senate had not, at last advices, settled down to work. The Address, in reply to the Governor-General's Speech, passed after a rambling and useless discussion.

THE N. F. AND SHIPBUILDING.

One of the few good things said, during the discussion, was the following by Senator McLellan, of Nova Scotia—himself a practical shipbuilder:—

"My hon. friend from St. John refers to the tax on shipping, and charges the National Policy with having imposed a tax at least \$2 per ton on ships. I have had some experience in that business. I have launched ships every year for the last five or six years under the old tariff and under the new, and I know whereof I speak when I now say that the taxation on shipping is less under this tariff, with the drawback, than it was under the old one. I know that we paid less duties on ships we launched last October when we got the drawbacks than we paid on any vessel launched under the previous tariff."

THE COMMONS.

Sir John McDonald said, on Friday, that never, during his experience of over forty years, was the business of Parliament better advanced than it is the present session. Several very important measures have been introduced and are advancing through the several stages.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Mr. Keeler has made a determined effort to abolish the Supreme Court. But the lawyers are against him. Mr. Keeler maintains that the Court involves unnecessarily the expenditure of a large sum of money, and that the poor man has no choice. On the other hand, the Supreme Court is defended on the grounds of public necessity, interprovincial obligation, and convenience; and it is said that the expense to the public will be less than it was in the years when the Court was being established. It is not denied that at present the expense of the Court is altogether out of proportion to the benefit derived from it. It was not possible, however, that Mr. Keeler's Bill could pass the second reading. The leaders of both parties agree that the Court, though expensive, is necessary; and on motion of Mr. Blake, it received the six months hoist by a vote of 148 to 29.

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

The second reading of Mr. Girouard's Bill to render legal marriage with a deceased wife's sister, gave rise to an interesting discussion of this question. Mr. Girouard quoted from a large number of ecclesiastical authorities in support of his views. Mr. Hector Cameron supported the bill, on the ground that the religious arguments and the social arguments of those opposing legalization of such marriage are not sound. Mr. Mills thought the Mosaic law not opposed to such marriage; and, it is reported that, in humble imitation of one of our lecturers, "he philosophised considerably upon Moses." Hon. Mr. Abbott thought such marriages should be left to each one's good taste and conscience. He objected to a proviso in the bill. Mr. Blake did not think either social or religious argument strong enough to prevent the House legalizing such marriages. He objected to proviso in the bill on constitutional grounds, and did not believe the House should accept any limitation relating to churches or religious bodies. He thought the solemnization of marriage belonged to local legislation and therefore doubted the propriety of the bill providing that it should not be compulsory for any officiating minister to celebrate such marriage. Mr. Anglin contended that the Local Legislature possessed the power to prescribe the mode of marriage, and argued against the bill both on religious and social grounds. The debate was adjourned.

IRREGULAR PRACTICES.

We are pleased to note that Sir John McDonald has moved that the Parliamentary Printing Committee be instructed to make strict enquiry into the best means of preventing irregular practices in tendering for printing.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

It is said that one lumbering firm doing business at Ottawa have disposed of all their season's cut, netting them the handsome profit of \$300,000. The price of good lumber has advanced about 50 per cent. since this time last year.

FISCAL.

In answer to a question, Sir Leonard Tilley said his purpose was to bring in estimates soon; when the tariff changes were before the House he would introduce resolutions concerning Banking and Currency. He said voluminous returns were called for and were necessary for a full discussion of the Budget speech; and that the Government are anxious for the House

to be provided with information, because when the returns come down they will be a complete justification of the trade policy of the Government.

The Russian Reign of Terror.

An Imperial ukase, dated St. Petersburg, Feb. 24th, was published on the 27th of February. It decrees the establishment of a Supreme Executive Commission to preserve order and serial tranquility, under the Presidency of General Melikoff, who is to appoint other members of the Commission, with the Czar's approval. The Commission is to have supreme authority in all matters throughout Russia, and is empowered to punish any disregard of its orders, which can only be abrogated by Imperial decree.—The Globe says a Persian army is moving on Herat.—The Czarina is quite ill, and cannot sleep without narcotics.

The last proclamation of the Russian Nihilists was placarded on the 20th January (O. S.) in the Russian cities. It was printed in a secret office, decorated with red colored emblems, and undersigned by the Committee for the liberation of the Russian people. It was as follows:—To the poor Russian people lying under the yoke of despotism:—After a long time we again address you brothers. We have been silent, leaving cruel despotism to speak for the holy cause by its gallows on which

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were pitilessly hanged; by the thousands languishing in dark prisons, or in deadly Siberian mines; by the sea of bitter tears shed by the wives and children whose husbands, fathers, brothers, and sweethearts, became, by the love of liberty, the victims of despotism. Brothers, all these, and many other unrecorded deeds of the arbitrary iron hand, which is bound to destroy every human body animated by the Promethean spark, speak to the hearts of the Russians more clearly, comprehensively and passionately than any words. We have, therefore, been silent, as despotism was speaking for us. Despotism has voted the deadly verdict with heartless cruelty and terrorism. But by threatening thoroughly to destroy our liberty, and by bringing us to the gallows or the rack with

A REFINED CRUELTY WORTHY OF NERO, it did not know that it was working for the holy cause of liberty, and only increasing and strengthening the number of our followers among the people. In short, it secured nothing else by its reprisals, nor will it in the future. Our blood is always sown on fertile ground, and the more it falls the richer the harvest will be. The executioners of the arbitrary power will come to know that all their devilish artifices and cruelties, their pitiless severity to hinder us in the work of

THE LIBERATION OF THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE, cannot, and will not, succeed. The victims who fall are martyrs to the holy cause. Were the number of our enemies ten times greater than it is, victory is sooner or later ours; and we, knowing how much victory will weigh in history and civilization, must conclude that rather too few than too many victims have fallen. The Czar, only to conquer Plevna, shed much more blood than we shall in our efforts to conquer Russia and win 100,000,000 slaves for liberty. We now address you only with the view to strengthen you in the belief that

YOU WILL SOON BE FREE.

to inspire you with perseverance and courage, and to assure you that the hour of liberation from the yoke is approaching. For the present we cannot tell you more. Be assured also that we are not isolated, as the Czar's Empire is, but that we have powerful allies ready to fight to the death for our cause. Therefore, unfortunate and dear brothers, let us have patience, perseverance, and complete devotion. Victory is ours. Hurrah for liberty and emancipation! Hurrah for the Russian people! Down with despots and their accomplices!"

General Louis Melekov, newly appointed Governor-General of St. Petersburg has issued a proclamation to the populace. In his manifesto he says he cannot hesitate to take the most severe, far-reaching, and stringent measures for the punishment of criminals who are now threatening social order throughout this capital and in other sections of the Empire, and will know how, he says, not only to trace these miscreants to their lurking places, but to inflict on them exemplary and condign punishment when they are brought before him. No plea of mitigation on the part of these criminals will avail with him. They have already been treated with too much indulgence, and they are to be stamped out as enemies alike of God and man, and wild beasts for whom extermination is the only treatment.—Halifax Herald.

Special Notices.

GOOD TEA. J. B. Harty.—£20 WORSTED SUITS made to order for \$12.50 at BRUCE & MCKENZIE, Queen Street.

A FEW Trunks, made to order, suitable for travellers. J. B. Harty.

ESTERBROOK'S, Gillott's, Mitchell's, and McNiven & Cameron's Pens, at Bremner Bros.

CARTER'S, Toiray's, Walkden's and Stephen's Inks, in different-sized bottles, at Bremner Bros.

ALL wool tweed suits made to order for \$12.00 at BRUCE & MCKENZIE'S Queen street.

BOSTON MIXED PICKLES, in bulk, 20 cents per quart, at Hall's Fish Market.

Herring and Codfish selling cheap for cash.—J. B. HARTY.

CODFISH, canned lobsters and mackerel, and cheese only 16 cents at the Family Grocery. R. K. BRACE.—[Feb. 23, 31]

A CHOICE LOT of Groceries, Cheap for Cash. J. B. Harty.

CAPE COD CRANBERRIES, and Baldwin Apples, at Hall's Fish Market.

CHOICE FRUIT and Pound Cakes at BEER & GOFF'S.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, March 1.

Fresh northwesterly to westerly winds; partly cloudy colder weather.

Correspondence.

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

The Irish Relief Fund.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

DEAR SIR,—I see by the papers that one hundred thousand dollars has been voted by the Canadian Legislature for the relief of the starving people in Ireland. Instead of sending money would it not be well to send potatoes, oatmeal, cattle, sheep, etc. The hundred thousand dollars worth of these articles would be worth \$200,000 at Old Country prices to the poor people; and, if purchased here, would be of great benefit to our farmers, they having such large stocks on hand which they do not know what to do with. I would suggest that the Canadian Government be written to at once, through Mr. Pope, to see if we could get an order to load six steamers of about 1,000 tons capacity each. I have no doubt they could be loaded (with dispatch) with the above named articles of food cheaper than they could be purchased for in any part of America; and, as we will likely have an early spring, could be shipped by first week in April.

Yours, A FARMER.

March 1st, 1880.

GRAND Vocal & Instrumental CONCERT BY THE Charlottetown PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY,

Tuesday Ev'g, MARCH 9th,

Y. M. C. A. HALL.

To Commence at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.

For further particulars see Programmes.

S. N. EARLE,

Feb. 27, 1880—2aw Musical Director.

1880. IN STORE,

Wholesale Prices,

- 50 BBLS. GRANULATED SUGAR, 40 bbls. English Refined Sugar, 30 kegs Bi Carbonate Soda, 30 casks Washing Soda, 40 bags Rice, 224 lbs. each, 3 bbls. Pure Ground Pepper, 163 boxes Soap, comprising Family, Laundry, British Queen, Queen City, Lorne Laundry, Mayflower. 150 doz. Corn Brooms, 50 gross Miller's Shoe Blacking, 40 gross Nixey's Black Lead, 40 gross Bartlett's Pearl Blue, 30 cases Coleman's Starch, 20 cases Corn Starch, 15 bags Filberts, 3 bags Brazil Nuts, 30 doz. Morton's Pickles, 1/2 pints, 40 doz. Moir & Sons Pickles, 1 pints, 25 doz. Crosse & Blackwell's Pickles, 1 pts., 10 cases 6-card Matches.

W. E. DAWSON & CO. Feb. 24, 1880—3w 2aw

THE 'BUDA' FLOUR, Choice Brands, FOR SALE AT BEER & GOFF'S.

Jan. 12, 1880.

Valuable Property for Sale.

THAT FARM lately owned by John and Peter Meikle, situate on Lot 23, in Queen's County.

For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. Hobson & McLeod, Charlotte town. Jan. 9, 1880—cod

Hake. Hake. Hake.

500 QUINTALS very superior WHITE HAKE, pickled cured, equal to Codfish. For sale low for cash.

B. WILSON HIGGS, 52 Queen Street, Charlottetown, Feb. 20, 1880—2w 4aw

JANUARY! 1880.

First Arrival this Year.

We have just received, ex Str. "Northern Light," several cases of

NEW GOODS

- New Black Silk Velvets, New Colored Silk Velvets, New Colored Satins, New Black Satins, New Black Velveteens

Frillings, Edgings and Laces.

NEW LACE CURTAINS.

Berlin Wool and Yarns, Wool Damasks, Fringes and Curtain Holders.

SPECIAL.

The remainder of our

Fur Goods, Ladies' Cloth Jackets, Ladies' Ulsters, Knitted Wool Goods, and Blankets,

—WILL BE SOLD AT A—

BIG DISCOUNT,

In order to clear them out before the season is over.

Cash customers in want of any of the above Goods will save money by giving us a call.

Perkins & Sterns.

January 7, 1880.

LECTURE.

MR. E. J. HODGSON

Has consented to deliver his Lecture upon

FRANCIS OF ASSISI,

MONDAY, 1st March Next,

Y. M. C. A. HALL,

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

Admission 15 cents. Tickets for admission can be obtained at W. R. Watson's. Feb. 18, 1880.

The Insolvent Act of 1875 and Amending Acts.

In the matter of John Sellar, an Insolvent.

THE Subscriber will sell at AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of March next, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at his new Warehouses, 52 Queen Street, the whole Stock in Trade of the above Insolvent, consisting of

- Asst. lot Crockeryware, Glassware, Earthenware, Confectionery, Biscuit and Crackers, bbls. Pilot Bread, boxes Fancy Soaps, boxes Blacking, Canned Lobsters, Lard, Lamp Chimneys, Lanterns, Brooms, Pails, lot Logwood Dyes, Cream Tartar, Paper Bags, quintals Codfish, 1 Buggy, etc., etc., Shop Furniture, 1 Show Case, 1 Glass Case, 1 Iron Safe, 4 sets Counter Scales, 2 Platform Scales, 50 Egg Boxes, 2 Stoves, 1 Cheese Case, 1 Molasses Tin, lot of Tin Measures, 3 Shop Lamps, etc. etc.

Also, to close sundry consignments,— 5 bbls. Dried Apples, Puns, Molasses, Cheats Tea, 1 Iron Safe, etc. etc.

B. WILSON HIGGS, Auctioneer. Charlottetown, Feb. 25, 1880—pat till sale

TEA.

170 CHESTS, } Strong and Excel- 55 half-chests, } lent flavor.

CARVELL BROS

Meeting of Parliament.

ST. JAMES' KIRK

BAZAAR!

THE Ladies in connection with St. James' Kirk will hold a Bazaar for the

Sale of Fancy and Useful Articles,

A Tea and Refreshment Table, On the 31st March Next,

MARKET HALL.

The proceeds to be applied to the liquidation of the debt on the Church edifice.

Doors open at 2 o'clock, p. m. Admission—Adults, 20 cents; children, half-price. Tickets to be had at the Drug Stores of W. R. Watson, Dr. Dodd, C. D. Rankin, and at the door.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. McLennan.

COMMITTEE—Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Longworth, Mrs. A. Kennedy, Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. A. Murray, Mrs. Cavanagh, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. P. W. Hyndman, Miss Mackieson, Miss Owen, Mrs. Malcolm McLeod.

T. A. STEWART, Secretary. Feb. 19, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Best, Shortest and Cheapest route to Cape Traverse is via Train to County Line Station, thence via HUGHES' Teams to Capes—which are in readiness at all times.

J. W. HUGHES, J. HUGHES. Feb. 25, 1880—tf

Sprink Park School District.

ALL PERSONS who have not paid their Tax for the current year are hereby notified that all delinquents will be sued before the next County Court without further notice.

JOHN HIGGINS, Collector. Ch'town, Feb. 21, 1880.

Merchants Bank of P. E. Island

THE Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held at their Banking House in Charlottetown, on THURSDAY, the 4th day of March next, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them.

Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier at least one day previous to the meeting.

Wm. McLEAN, Cashier. Ch'town, Feb. 21, 1880.

CAUTION.

THE public are hereby cautioned not to pay to any person except the undersigned, debts due to the firm of McKinnon, Fraser & Co.

WILLIAM JOHN FRASER. Feb. 19, 1880.

FINAL NOTICE.

THE DOG TAX, now overdue, if not immediately paid, will be sued for without distinction of persons. City Court, February 24, 1880.