

CRITICS AS LEGISLATORS.

MANY persons fail to comprehend how one so brilliant in speech, so clever in Court, so dashing in Opposition, so confident in self as the Local Premier, should have failed so utterly, so egregiously, so lamentably, in the execution of the responsible duties of a legislator. But, in our opinion, the cause is simple and easily explained.

The power of originating and the power of criticising are essentially different powers in the world of thought and of action; and they seldom co-exist in the same man. This is a critical age; and the Local Premier has drunk deeply of the spirit of the age. But he has never breathed a single inspiration of the divine essence which possesses those

Whose minds heave with the secret force That shall be felt along the course Of far futurity.

The Local Premier is a critic—only a critic—and as a critic he excels. All who heard, heard only to admire his brilliant attacks upon the Government led by the Hon. L. C. Owen; and every one admits that he is good at a bad case. In fact, there are few men either at the bar or in politics so perfectly skilled in the art of making the worse appear the better reason. Yet he is a bungler of the worst kind at practical legislation. He bungled a good School Act. He badly bungled a well framed Registration of Voters and Billot Act, and he bungled other Acts almost too numerous to mention. Nor is it strange that he should have done so. Good critics are seldom good at anything else. The editor of the Patriot, for instance, is, we all admit, good at criticism; but no one would for a moment think of entrusting him with the execution of ever the little details incidental to a ten cent lecture. Yet critics have their uses. In opposition they are in their proper sphere. But as legislators, as administrators, they are not—they are not the men. The people of Prince Edward Island have, to their cost, found this out; and they are taking constitutional measures to eject their critical but bungling Local Premier from power. The resolutions published in another column are couched in strong language; but they express the feeling not only of the meeting in which they were held, but of the whole Province.

CHARLOTTETOWN SALVAGE CORPS

PURSUANT to public notice, a number of citizens met in the Stipendiary Magistrate's office on Saturday evening last, and formed themselves into a Salvage Corps. R. R. FitzGerald was appointed Chairman, and P. R. Bowers, Secretary for the evening.

R. R. FitzGerald, P. R. Bowers, and Donald McKinnon (Chief Engineer), addressed the meeting, showing the want of a properly organized body to take care of citizens' goods and furniture in case of fire in this city, whereupon Frank Haszard proposed and Horace Haszard seconded the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:—

Resolved that the Society to be formed be called and known as "The Charlotte-town Salvage Corps."

On motion of Frank Haszard, seconded by John G. McKenzie, it was also unanimously—

Resolved that the officers of the said Company consist of a Captain, First and Second Lieutenants, and a Secretary-Treasurer; said officers to be elected annually by ballot.

On motion of George MacLeod, seconded by James McKee, it was—

Resolved that a committee of five be appointed to draw up a code of Bye-Laws. George MacLeod, Frank Haszard, R. R. FitzGerald, P. R. Bowers and Donald Farquharson were appointed said Committee.

Officers for the Salvage Corps were then balloted for, with the following result:— Captain, R. R. FitzGerald; 1st Lieut., Geo. Peake; 2nd do Alexander McKinnon; Secretary-Treasurer, Henry Hughes.

An adjourned meeting will be held on Saturday evening next, in the Stipendiary Magistrate's office.

ON Saturday night the officers of No. 6 Co., "Victoria Rifles," entertained their men with a supper at the North Star, which was rovided by Mr. Carrol in his usual good style. After justice had been done to the good things, toasts were in order, several of which were drunk with great enthusiasm, especially those of "Our Captain" and "Our Drill Instructor." Captain Longworth occupied the chair and by his wit and good humor, kept the company in good spirits during the evening. The party broke up "Anent the wee sma' hours" feeling "sorry to part."—Com.

SOURIS NOTES.

[By our own Correspondent.]

SOURIS, Sept. 14, 1877. The steamer M. A. Starr cleared from here for Halifax with 520 bbls. mackerel, 10 casks cod oil, and a lot of codfish for Boston; also 100 bags oats for Halifax.

There is now to anchor 55 American fishermen. Mackerel are not plenty.

Before the Magistrate's Court to-day, James McCallum, of Bay Fortune, was fined \$15 and costs, for striking a man on the head with a chair. Our Magistrates are determined to put down disorder.

A very heavy thunder-storm passed by here last evening, and rain fell in great torrents.

OUR MANUFACTURES.

McKINNON & FRASER'S CARRIAGE FACTORY.

OUR manufactories are, as a rule, neither very large nor very numerous. But in the manufacture of carriages, we think we can at least lay claim to excellence. We believe that as well made wagons, buggies and sleighs are produced in this Island as in any part of the world.

In the manufacture of carriages there are few, if any, in the Province who excel Messrs. McKinnon & Fraser. Emphatically, "it is hard to beat them." They are both practical men, thoroughly conversant with their business; they personally superintend the various processes by which the rough lumber and iron is changed into elegant carriages; and they use the best material and employ the best workmen to be obtained.

Their extensive Steam Factory is situated Spring Park—close to the spring. It consists of three buildings—the blacksmith's shop, 55 by 50 feet; the engine house, 25 by 30 feet; and the "shop"—a large four-story erection—40 by 90 feet. Entering the basement of the latter by a side door, we find ourselves (with the reader who takes the trouble to accompany us) in the "Machine Shop." This apartment is fitted up with jig and circular saws, self-acting planers, and lathes for wood and iron, emery wheels, drilling machines, etc. Here the plank and iron is "roughed out" ready for the hand of the skilled artisan. Thence the iron is carried to the forge, and the wood to the "workshop." The forge, as we before intimated, is in a separate building. In it there were eight fires. These are supplied with the wind necessary to keep them burning by means of a patent fan, which, revolving with great velocity, creates a vacuum and a consequent "draught" sufficient for all the fires. The forge is in charge of Mr. Joseph Warren.

Before visiting the workshop, let us look in at the engine-room. In this room every possible precaution is taken against fire. The floor and walls are of brick, and no combustible material is permitted in it. The engine is twenty-five horse power, horizontal action—very smooth and noiseless. The "workshop" is on the second flat of the main building. Among the various machines is a "flint belt"—a simple but interesting arrangement by which "sand-papery" is done in a jiffy. The "rim-rounding machine" is unique. It was, we understand, the invention of Mr. McKinnon, senior partner of the firm. The "workshop" is fitted up with a complete set of tools and machines. It is in charge of Mr. Albert Warren—foreman of the works. A large ware-room, in which surplus stock and carriages in a transition state are stored, occupies the larger part of the third flat. The smaller part is used as a "trim-room" and it is in charge of Mr. John Bowers.

The paint shop is at the top of the building. Mr. William Groom is head painter. Several carriages are being prepared for exhibition in Georgetown on the 28th inst. They will be splendidly finished. Messrs. McKinnon ordinarily employ eighteen men and turn out about seventy-five carriages, one hundred sleighs and a number of carts, truck-wagons, &c. Specimens of their workmanship may any day be seen by calling at their city store-rooms—corner Fitzroy and Prince streets.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.—Lemuel Hooper has accepted the challenge of James Dover to shoot a match on the Kensington Rifle Range—at the same distances as were fired at the late annual shooting match—on Thursday the 20th inst., for the sum of \$25.

MOONLIGHT WALK.—At nine o'clock last night a rat of considerable size was seen taking a moonlight walk on the saddle-board of Messrs. Peake Bros. & Co.'s brick building, on Lower Queen street.

THE Stipendiary Magistrate's Court was adjourned on Saturday. There were several cases for trial. With the additions that were made on Saturday night, there will be a full dock today.

WIMBELDON TEAM.

THE old plan, requiring each Province to send a team to Ottawa to compete there in matches for places on this team, having been found very unfair towards the Maritime Provinces, the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association—who have the selection of the team—so amended their rules as to admit of the competition for such places being held in each Province, under the direction of the Provincial Association. The rules and conditions for this year required that four matches should be held on two consecutive days—two matches on each day, the one to be finished before 11 o'clock, a. m., the other other not to commence until after 2 o'clock, p. m. Ranges: 200, 500, and 600 yards—seven rounds at each range. The days for firing to be fixed by the Provincial Association.

The competition for this Province was, accordingly, held on Monday and Tuesday last, when twenty-three aspirants for shooting fame entered the lists. The shooting was not quite so good as the scores made at the late Prize Meeting and at practice had led us to expect. In comparing the scores made by our men with those of the other Provinces, it must be remembered that they are at a great disadvantage, being obliged to use ammunition much inferior to that issued from government stores in the other Provinces. The bullets are corroded and the powder weak, as was evidenced by the fact that many of the shots fell short. The cartridge issued in the other Provinces, in addition to being new and fresh, is of an improved pattern; the bullet being much less affected by wind than those issued here. We do not know where the fault lies; but it is certainly very strange that this is the only Province where '1868 ammunition' is issued. Surely the authorities at Ottawa did not, instead of sharing it equally among all the Provinces, send us the whole of the tail end of that year's make, and issue the fresh to the more favored Provinces. At any rate we hope before next year's shooting begins this will be remedied.

Below we give the names and scores of the competitors. We are pleased to see that Major Dougherty of last year's Team again heads the list.

	HIGHEST POSSIBLE SCORE, 420				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Competition—					
1	2	3	4		
Major G. L. Dougherty, 2d Batt. Artillery, Gunr. Lem' Hooper, 1st Batt. Artillery, Pte. John Crockett, 6th Queen's Co., Pte. Jas. Dover, 6th Queen's Co., Pte. Ver. Longworth, 6th Queen's Co., Pte. Robt. Crawford, 6th Queen's Co., Gunr. Benj. Hooper, 1st Batt. Artillery, Corp. E. McDougall, 6th Queen's Co., Pte. Fred'k Horne, 4th Queen's Co., Pte. David Harper, 6th Queen's Co., Pte. Ewen McGregor, 6th Queen's Co., Cor. Geo. Henderson, 4th Queen's Co., Capt. Don'd McLeod, 1st King's Co., Pte. David Lawson, 6th Queen's Co., Pte. George Essory, 4th Queen's Co., Pte. Noah Harper, 6th Queen's Co., Gunr. Jno. T. Rodd, 1st Batt. Artillery, Ser. Lem' Younker, 2d Batt. Artillery, Gunr. Will. Brown, 1st Batt. Artillery, Gunr. W. Connolly, 1st Batt. Artillery, Pte. Matthew Allan, 6th Queen's Co.,	64	77	69	70	280
	73	51	72	79	275
	61	73	65	67	266
	59	71	65	65	260
	72	56	60	71	259
	64	72	63	59	258
	65	64	67	59	255
	70	55	67	62	254
	59	64	67	56	246
	54	69	60	60	243
	67	59	51	64	241
	51	61	62	66	240
	59	59	66	54	238
	55	52	67	62	236
	48	66	54	64	232
	63	70	44	55	232
	61	59	51	56	227
	45	57	56	50	208
	47	56	43	59	205
	55	48	44	51	198
	70	29	44	34	177

CANADA LIFE COMPANY.—In another column will be found the yearly report of "The Canada Life" as it is generally called, presented yesterday to the shareholders at Hamilton. The continued prosperity of this Company is a matter for honest pride to its manager, Mr. Ramsay, and Mr. Henderson, the Company's Agent in this city, who is to be credited with no small share of the increased business done by the Company in the past year. The payment of a dividend of fifteen per cent. is a substantial evidence of success, and so carefully and accurately have the Company's assets and securities been overhauled by competent inspectors, that no doubt whatever can exist respecting the ability of the Company to pay such a dividend, and to regard its investments as perfectly safe. The year's losses have been exceptionally light, and a steady improvement is noticeable in every branch. The Directors mentioned in the report as eligible for re-election were duly appointed at the meeting, and the Company starts out on another year of its history with prospects so brilliant that its position must be regarded as a credit to the country at large.—Toronto Mail.

Latest by Telegraph.

WAR NEWS.

LONDON, Sept. 14. The Times' correspondent, describing Tuesday's fighting about Plevna Parapet, estimates the forces engaged at about 57,000 on the Russo-Roumanian side, against 50,000 to 70,000 Turks. The valor of the Russian troops is the only thing to be praised, as the attack was unskillfully directed, and the waste of life unnecessary. The Turks were very skillfully handled. They must have lost some men in their two sallies, otherwise they were completely covered and lay close till the moment of assault.

The Times' correspondent says the capture of the redoubt converts a bloody repulse into a final and permanent success. In any case subsequent attacks must be by sap and trench, for the last reserves were engaged on the Russian side.

LONDON, Sept. 14. The following is from Turkish official sources: "Baker Pasha, advancing Northwest from Gorna Souidia, yesterday, encountered four battalions of Russian infantry supported by cavalry near Karaghatch. Aided by a circassian detachment, Baker Pasha attacked the enemy, who, being reinforced by five battalions, repulsed the Turks. Later in the day the Turks received cavalry and infantry reinforcements and compelled the enemy to retreat to Vodizka with heavy loss."

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 14. Reassuring despatches have been received from Osman Pasha.

BUCHARAST, Sept. 14. Since the capture of the Grevia redoubt before Plevna, there has been only a continued bombardment of the town and positions of the Turks. Preparations are making for another assault. There is an immense number of wounded and but few surgeons.

LONDON, Sept. 14. A Russian official bulletin, dated Posen, Sept. 13, says: "Yesterday (Wednesday) we made no further attacks, but bombarded the Turkish fortifications and town of Plevna at short range. Towards 4 p. m. the town began to burn, and two explosions were observed within the fortifications. The Turks made little reply to our fire, and directed all their efforts against our left wing, which threatened their rear at the point. Gen. Skobeloff repulsed five furious attacks, but was compelled in the evening after the 6th attack, to evacuate the fortifications which he had captured Tuesday. During Wednesday night our troops contented themselves in their positions. From the beginning of the battle to one o'clock Wednesday p. m., six thousand wounded have been brought to the field hospital. There have been no collision at other points of the theatre of war. The Rutchuck column is concentrated in fresh positions a half day's march behind the Kava Lom."

GENERAL NEWS.

CREEDMOOR, Sept. 14. The thousand yard score was as follows: British, 534; Americans, 540. The American total at 800 yards is 575; the British, 559.

GRONGETOWN, D. C., Sept. 14. During a thunder storm yesterday Gideon B. Hitchins, with four sons and two daughters, took refuge under a tree which the lightning struck, killing two sons and a daughter. The father and remaining children are seriously but not fatally hurt.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. The following are the total scores of two days' shooting: American team—Brydenburg 429, Bruce 425, Heber 421, Jewel 429, Allen 419, Hyde 414, Jackson 407, Dakin 400—Grand total 3334. British team—Halford 412, Evans 412, Maher 407, Rigby 410, Lieut. Fenton 407, Ferguson 406, Col. Fenton 400, Humphrey 388—Grand total 3242.

WESTERN NOTES.

(From the Summerside Progress of Today.) Several new buildings are being erected at the Railway Station, at Kensington, and a siding is being built to Messrs. Tuplin & Sims' warehouses.

By cable to Angus McMillan, Esq., the barque "Elizabeth" arrived at Liverpool on the 14th inst., making the passage from this port in 17 days.

Judge Pope thinks persons residing in Summerside claiming to vote on their Statute Labor receipts, may be allowed to vote, but has not yet given a decision on the matter.

The schooner "Lizzie and Emma," Capt. McPhee, owned by David Montgomery, Esq., arrived here on Saturday morning, from Labrador, with a full cargo of about 1,000 bbls. herring. This vessel left here on the 18th of August, being away only 27 days. This is one of the best fishing voyages ever made by a vessel from this Province.

"Alas for the rarity of Christian charity."—A child died one day last week, and the parents were left alone with the dead for two days, without a visit from any living being. Corporal works of mercy do not seem to be extensively practised in this town, though, we hope, occurrences such as we have noted do not frequently happen.

A serious accident happened to Levi Sullivan, mail carrier of this place, on Friday evening of last week. On that evening, having sharpened a large knife, he put it into an outside pocket of his coat, and went to assist in killing an animal. While pulling on a rope, it broke, and he fell backwards upon the knife. It entered his back about three inches, but fortunately striking a rib it glanced upwards instead of going straight in, which made the wound less serious than it might otherwise have been.

New Advertisements.

To Gas Fitters and Gas Consumers.

BY AUCTION, THIS DAY, MONDAY, Sept. 17th, at 2 o'clock, at Brennan Store, Queen Street, an Invoice, comprising— 1 Gross Ellis Patent Gas Burners, 2 " Lava Tips, 6 Doz. Opal Shades (very choice), 6 " Holders. Those goods are direct from the Factory, and in prime order. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. Sept. 17—11a

CLOSING SALE OF BUILDING LOTS AT SOURIS!

BY AUCTION, next THURSDAY, Sept. 20th, the remainder of McLaughlin's Valuable Building Lots, situated on high ground, commanding a grand view of Colville Bay, and admirably adapted for Private Residences and Business Stands. As this must be a final closing out Sale of all the remaining Lots, it offers special INDUCEMENTS for safe and profitable investment. An Excursion Train, at half fare, will leave Charlottetown Station on the morning of the Sale, at 7.45 o'clock, calling at all intermediate Stations, returning same evening. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. Ch'town, Sept. 15—3in

BOLD WATCHES, &C.

BY AUCTION, Next Monday, Sept. 17th, at 11 o'clock, at the BRENNAN STORE, Queen Street— A large Assortment of China, Silver-Plated, & Bronze Ware, Gold Watches, Gold and Plated Jewelry; Mathematical, Optical, and FANCY GOODS, Novelties, &c., which escaped the fire at St. John. Sale will open Monday at 11 o'clock, and continue every evening until the whole Stock is closed out. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. Sept. 15—21a

A LAW

In addition to the Law relating to Dogs.

Passed 18th February, 1865. Approved 23d February, 1865. Published 2d March, 1865. Republished, by order of the City Council, 12th September, 1877.

BE it enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown, as follows:—

Every person liable to pay the tax imposed by the Twenty-fifth Chapter of the By-Laws, intituled "A Law relating to Dogs, and for the purpose of taxing the same," shall, in addition to the payment of the tax thereby imposed, provide, at his or her expense, each and every dog for which such tax has been imposed, with a collar of metal, or, if of any other material, with a metal plate securely fastened thereto, on which said collar or plate shall be legibly engraved the name of the person to whom the said dog belongs, or by whom it is kept or harbored.

Any such dog found in the public streets, squares, or wharfs of the City, without a collar, marked as aforesaid, after the expiration of three months from the first publication of this Law, may be killed or destroyed by any person; and it shall be the special duty of the Police Constables to kill or otherwise destroy all dogs found at large, as aforesaid, without collars so marked as aforesaid. Ch'town, Sept. 14, 1877.

SEPTEMBER.

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- Print Cottons,
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- Pillow Cottons,
- Fleecy Cottons,
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- Scarlet Flannels,
- White Flannels,
- Blue Serges,

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PAPER BAGS.

FOR SALE—A large supply of Paper Bags and Wrapping Paper.

MACKENZIE & STUMBLE: Sept. 13—1w