

Our Bright Blue Jay.

SUCCESSIVE SNOW-STORMS had inundated his home in the wilderness, and driven the poor jay to our door. Some scattered grains and refuse now attracted the hunger-driven bird, used to feasting on the bounty of nature.

How bright the color of his plumy cloak! Blue, bright ultramarine blue, like the arch of heaven that never fades—emblem of God's undying love! A royal color in nature is blue. The ocean clothes itself in azure, sparkling with diamonds.

That bright gem of cerulean plumage! It haunts me like a vision that will not away! Why all the glowing beauties of nature? The rose's lovely bloom, the ruby's burning light, the glow of autumn and the dyes of morn and evening?

You may have seen the jay's plumage, when stuffed, in a cabinet; but that is not its brightness and its glory. Come to the wood-land. The wintry wind is swaying the sea of twigs aloft on the great forest trees. The slant sun is flooding them with a sheen of golden light, as they heave and bow and surge 'neath the keen, blue sky.

All bright and beautiful things in this world are costly. I never knew how it was, unless they are the jewels in the palace of the Great King, and our poor hands may not seize them without an effort.

No bird hides its nest so jealously as the jay. If he did not, his bright dress would be a decoy to every marauder. The deepest recesses of the spruce grove is the home for his offspring. Here, in the security of the night like shadows, his mate hangs her grass-lined basket of twigs that carries her five fond hopes of the future.

The jay has a singular trick of imitating the shriek of the buzzard in order to frighten other birds. This he does for pure prolix, and also to drive away the parent birds that he may rob their nests. A wicked game which, with pain, we have too often seen him play.

But the jay robber meets his retribution. 'Tis dead of winter. Even the great forest trees are rigid with the keen temperature. Standing deep in snow, every trunk and limb is heavy with the frozen breath of Heaven. The grey tempest sifts through naked boughs, and adds gloom to the savage desolation of the wintry colonades.

The partridge has buried herself in the downy snow, the bunting sports on the breast of the tempest; but the poor jay cowers, shivering, in the shelter of some thicket. He is startled by the savage shriek of the approaching goshawk, and makes for another cover. But his bright plumage, at last are his ruin. They arrest the keen eye of the fierce marauder. In an instant the great grey form is upon him, and sweeps him to the ground. Next day we saw some scattered blue feathers and the crimson stain on the spotless ermine of winter.

Church Dedication.

The new Methodist Church on the Covehead Road was dedicated to the "Worship and Service of Almighty God," according to the discipline of the Methodist Church of Canada, on Sabbath last. The building stands on the farm of Mr. Duncan McLachlin. It occupies a very commanding position, and can be seen from a great distance in every direction.

and the material obtained from the old Church. Mr. Benj. Hughes has acted as Clerk of the works, and upon him chiefly has devolved the labor of seeing after the erection of the building. Paid up subscriptions have been received amounting to nearly \$250, and a little over \$30 remain unpaid. Other subscriptions are also expected.

The opening service was conducted by Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, M. A., Chairman of the District. He preached a most appropriate sermon, full of beautiful thoughts, from "Thy Way O! God is in Sanctuary." Rev. J. Allen conducted the afternoon service taking for his text, John 12 Chapter, and 37 to 41 verses. He delivered a sermon, rich in exposition and full of suggestive thought.

Obituary.

THE late John Roche Bourke, Esq., J. P., of Mill View, Lot 49, whose demise, at his late residence, was recently chronicled in these columns, was a native of Limerick, Ireland. He emigrated to this Island, a boy, in the year 1819, and for some years served as clerk in the employ of the late James Hayden, Esq., merchant, and millwright, of Vernon River.

Starch Factory.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT CRAPAUD.

ON Wednesday evening, the 23rd Jan., an important meeting of the farmers and others, of Crapaud and vicinity, took place in Crapaud Hall, to consider the establishment of a starch factory at or near Howatt's Mills.

Mr. George Lowther was called to the chair, and briefly explained the cause of the meeting, and the desirability of having a Starch and Cheese Factory in their own village. He then called upon Dr. Farquharson, Esq., M. P. P. of Charlottetown, to address the meeting, and that gentleman pressed the object of the meeting upon his hearers in convincing and earnest language.

Mr. William Lea advocated principally the establishment of a cheese factory, and expressed his willingness to "go in for a starch factory, along with the rest;" but considered that a cheese factory should not be lost sight of; upon which Mr. Farquharson promised that, should the committee appointed, be able to get a sufficient number of acres of potatoes and a sufficient number of cows signed for, both businesses should be carried on—the number of acres to be three hundred and cows four hundred, at the least.

Mr. William McDonald strongly advocated the establishment of a starch factory, showing its general advantages, and its special advantage to the farmer. He considered that fourteen cents per sixty pounds for the class of potatoes required by the factory, and the time gained by delivery at a factory, would pay the farmer better than if he received twenty cents a bushel for shipping potatoes. The meeting was almost unanimous as to the desirability of a factory being established in Crapaud, and at the close, a list was at once opened to receive names of all who would subscribe.

The committee appointed, have since canvassed the district with every possibility of success. It is fully considered that the factory will be an accomplished fact. Further meetings for final arrangements will be held shortly. This is an opportunity which Crapaud should not lose of creating a business stir, which would add to the importance of the village and tend to the further improvement and development of local trade.—Com.

St. John Markets.

OATS.—Island oats are firmly held in St. John at 60¢ per bushel, wholesale. CHEESE.—Factory sells at 13¢ to 13½¢ per pound. HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides are steady at 7¢ to 8¢ per pound. OATMEAL is in light supply and steady. We quote: \$5.50 to \$5.70. PORK.—The pork market is steady and lower. Mess is quoted at \$22 to \$22.50. FISH.—Large dry cod are quoted at \$6 to \$6.25 per quintal; medium \$5.50 to \$5.75; pollock, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per quintal. In pickled fish, Bay herring, No. 1, split, are offered at \$4.20 to \$4.40 per barrel, \$2.30 to \$2.50 for halves; gibbed Bay herring \$3.75 to \$4.00 per barrel, \$2.10 to \$2.20 for halves.

MRS. DARREN, of Annapolis, N. S., has disappeared, leaving no trace of her whereabouts. She was a very highly respectable woman, and her disappearance causes a sensation in Annapolis. Theories innumerable have been set up as to the cause of her disappearance, but only to be shattered by criticism, and the general belief now is that she met her death by falling from the Railway Wharf into the river. The only reason that would lead to any supposition that she designated her own death, are, first, the fact that she gave her keys to her boarding mistress before going out, and second, her presence on the wharf at so late an hour. Upon inquiry we find beyond a doubt that she was in the habit of doing both, and, therefore, no grounds remain for thinking her death might be accidental.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Misstatements Contradicted.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

DEAR SIR,—In a late number of the Patriot there appears a communication from Souris West signed "Gath," which reads very like as if it were intended for a panegyric upon Mr. Lawrence Kickham, of this village. Rumor has it that he is the author of it; but, for some reasons which I need hardly explain here, I do not believe that he is the writer. As he has not, however, denied its authorship, and as he appears to enjoy the flattering notoriety it confers upon him, I think I may safely assume that he inspired it. I happened to be one of the persons (whom "Gath" with his peculiar modesty, designates guileless delegates) who waited on the Conservatives candidates last June with reference to certain public improvements required at Souris West, and I consider it but fair to my co-delegates as to myself, to contradict one or two of "Gath's" misstatements. With regard to the interview on that occasion, I may say that it was to my mind, a very satisfactory one. The claims of Souris West were freely and frankly discussed, and no attempt whatever was made at evasion or deception. The result of that meeting was that the track across the beach was promptly repaired, and no doubt would have been extended to some particular terminus only that the Department could not comply with Mr. Lawrence Kickham's request to have it laid to his private wharf. I think I would only reflect the sentiments of the intelligent people of this place, if I were to say that they would rather see the track torn away from the beach altogether, than see it extended to any private wharf for the special benefit of Lawrence Kickham or anybody else.

The balance of "Gath's" bombastic production, I shall leave for the consideration of others, that is, if they deem the game worth the powder.

I am, Sir, Yours truly, JOHN CANTWELL. Souris West, Jan. 30, 1883.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

DEAR SIR,—The extraordinary procedure of the newly fledged City Council in issuing a circular to the members of that Board, to the effect that they are to meet on Thursday, February 1st, for the special purpose of dismissing the City Surveyor, H. B. Smith, Esq., and appointing another in his place, calls for the unqualified disapproval of every taxpayer, who has any regard for the improvement of our streets and sidewalks. A more efficient and painstaking officer than Mr. Smith cannot be had in this city. The extensive and permanent improvements which, during the past two years, he has accomplished on the streets, with a few laboring men, shows that his supervision was of the most constant and efficient character.

Surely such men as Mr. John P. Tanton, who loves to elaborate on constitutional rights, British fair play, Magna Charta, etc., are not going to lend themselves to such an arbitrary and imprudent procedure as the dismissal of a public servant without furnishing their constituents with the causes which lead them to condemn, unheard, one of the most efficient and popular public servants the city ever had in its employ.

Yours, WARD FIVE.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, Jan. 31—10 a. m. Increasing south-easterly to south-westerly winds; increasing cloudiness; milder weather, followed by areas of snow or rain.

SHIP NEWS.

Passed Fortress Monroe, Jan. 24.—brig Alaska, Young, from Baltimore for Demerara. Sld from Calais, Jan 23.—ship James Duncan Dunn, New York. Ent'd for ldg at Liverpool, Jan. 8.—barque John Lefurgey, Read, for Cardenas. In Port at Kingston, Jan. 11.—barque Moselle, Gould, uncertain. Cleared at Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—barque Wm. Owen, Brown, for Lisbon. New York, Jan. 24.—In port, brig, Kitty Clyde, McLean, uncertain; Hector, Campbell, uncertain; Lottie Bell, Sanderson, uncertain; Maggie Innes, River Platte; A. McLeod, Foote, for Demerara.

BAZAAR.

THE Members of the Ladies' Hospital Committee intend holding a Bazaar on July 10th, 1883, in aid of the City Hospital, and contributions will be thankfully received by the following ladies:

- Mrs. Pope, President; Mrs. Mason, Treasurer; Mrs. Connolly, Miss Hensley, "Caven, " M. Macleod, " D. Reddin, Mrs. C. C. Gardiner, " Beaton, " Bagnall, " Sullivan, " J. Peake, " M. Blake, " R. Peake, " Hobkirk, " Strickland, " L. H. Davies, Miss K. Wright, " George Davies, " M. Palmer, " J. Longworth, Mrs. Hughes, " George Macleod.

MRS. MALCOLM MACLEOD, Secretary. Ch'town, Jan. 31, '83.—law wed

CAUTION.

THE public are hereby cautioned against putting any Snow, Rubbish or Obstructions

of any kind, within one hundred feet of either of the landings or public tracks leading to or from the city. Otherwise they

Will be Prosecuted, according to law.

H. B. SMITH, City Surveyor. Ch'town, Jan. 25, '83.

WINTER GOODS

REDUCED PRICES.

JOHN MACPHEE & CO.

Are offering the following GOODS at greatly Reduced Prices.

Dress Goods, Knit Wool Goods and Winceys; a lot Mantle and Ulster Cloths, Men's all wool Pants, \$1.90, \$2.25, \$2.45; Boys' Ulsters and Overcoats, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50; a lot of ladies' Shawls and Sacques at cost; Winceys, 7 cents; Grey Cotton, 6 cents; Prints, 6 cents; President, Beaver and Nap Coths at cost; Men's Ulsters and Overcoats, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.50; Scotch, English and Canadian Tweeds, at 10 p. c. discount; Fur Caps, Kid Mitts and Gloves, Linters and Drawers, Scarfs, laced and knit Shirts, white Shirts, &c.; a lot of Men's colored Shirts at 60 cents.

Our customers and the public generally can depend on getting REAL BARGAINS in every department. WHOLESALE & RETAIL.

JOHN MACPHEE & CO.

Jan. 25, 1883—2aw, wkly

W. & A. BROWN & CO.

WILL close out (during the month of January and February) the balance of their large Stock of

WOOLLEN GOODS,

Including Shawls, Squares, Clouds, Scarfs, Children's Hoods, Ulsters and Underwear, Ladies' Vests, Mitts, Cuffs, Hosiery, Gents' Cardigan Jackets, Gloves, etc.

Fur Goods, Dolmans, Mantles, Ulsters, and Millinery Goods.

Also, the remainder of their Choice Stock of Scotch, Brussels, and Tapestry Carpets and Hearth Rugs,

AT A LARGE DISCOUNT.

GREAT BARGAINS MAY BE EXPECTED.

Ch'town, Jan. 18, 1883.

JANUARY.

ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE,

BEFORE STOCK TAKING.

J. B. MACDONALD will, during this month, clear out lots of Goods in every Department:

- A Lot of Ladies' Dress Goods, A Lot of Clouds and Scarfs, A Lot of Men's Scarfs, A Lot of Tweeds and Heavy Cloths, A Lot of Mantle and Ulster Cloths, A Lot of Fur Caps Mitts and Gloves, A Lot of Men's and Boys' Ulsters, A Lot of Winceys and Flannels.

J. B. MACDONALD.

Also, 100 Chests of Fine Congou Tea, very cheap, by the Chest or Package.

J. B. MACDONALD,

Ch'town., Jan. 10, 1883—wkly pat, pres ne QUEEN STREET.

WEST INDIA WAREHOUSE!

WINTER 1883 STOCK

- 50 Bbls. GRANULATED SUGAR, 50 do. CONFECTIONER'S A SUGAR, 25 do. VACUUM PAN do., 150 do. YELLOW SUGARS (Assorted), 10 Hbds. WEST INDIA SUGAR, 2 do. VACUUM PAN do., 50 Pans. CHOICE MOLASSES, 10 Tierces GOLDEN SYRUP, 100 Bbls. PASTRY FLOUR (Hexel), 300 do. PATENT PROCESS FLOUR, 1000 do. SUP. EXTRA MARITIME ROSE, 100 Half Chests CONGOU TEAS, 30 do. INDIA TEA, 50 Caddies TOBACCO,

AT LOWEST WHOLESALE PRICES.

HORACE HASZARD.

- 100 Quintals LARGE CODFISH, 50 do. No. 2 do., 100 do. No. 1 HAKE, 20 do. No. 1 HADDOCK, 50 Bbls. No. 1 HERRING, 50 do. No. 2 do., 25 Half-Barrels No. 2 HERRING, 10 Cases PRESERVED SALMON,

FOR SALE BY

HORACE HASZARD.

- TIN PLATES INGOT TIN, etc., 750 Cases TIN PLATES, 14 x 20, 250 do. do. 10 x 14, 80 Ingots REFINED TIN, 50 Pigs SOFT LEAD, 5 Bars SQUARE COPPER, 1 1/2 and 1 1/4 in., 1000 Cases TALL (1 lb.) CANS,

FOR SALE BY

HORACE HASZARD.

- 2 Tons WHEAT SHORTS, 2 do. do. BRAN, 1 do. CHOPPED FEED,

FOR SALE BY

HORACE HASZARD.

- WHITE COTTONS, GREY COTTONS, PRINT COTTONS, PLAIN WINCEYS, GREY BLANKETS, WOOL UNDERCLOTHING,

AT LOWEST WHOLESALE PRICES.

HORACE HASZARD

Lower Water Street. Charlottetown, Jan. 4, 1883.—Jm

PROGRAMME

Orchestral Club Concert

Y. M. C. A. HALL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

PART I.

- 1. Overture—"Tancredi," ORCHESTRA. 2. Solo—Vocal—"Cariacima," LIBERT. HANDELOU. 3. Piano Solo—"Rondeau Brilliant," MISS HENSLEY. 4. Trez-Jolis Waltzes, ORCHESTRA. 5. Solo—Vocal—"A Summer Shower," MISS K. HENSLEY. 6. Cornet Solo—"Air from Faletta," MR. FLETCHER. 7. La Rendez Vous Waltzes, ORCHESTRA.

PART II.

- 8. Gavotte, ORCHESTRA. 9. Solo—Vocal—"Eily Mavoutren," MRS. KNIGHT. 10. String Quartette—"Songs without words No. 45," MESSRS. VINNICOMBE, FLETCHER, PALMER AND FREEZE. 11. Solo—Vocal—"Hearts and Homes," MRS. LONGWORTH. 12. Violin Solo—"Blue Bells of Scotland (with var)," MR. VINNICOMBE. 13. Solo—Vocal—"John Granlie," MR. CANT. 14. Violin Duet—"Silvery Waves," MESSRS. FREEZE AND VINNICOMBE. 15. The Wave Waltzes, ORCHESTRA.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Concert at 8. Tickets, 25 cents; for the Fletcher's Music Store, Fraser & Redding at the door. Jan. 30, 1883.

CLERK WANTED.

AN Experienced Salesman, having knowledge of the wholesale trade. Apply immediately.

FENTON T. NEWBELL

Jan. 30, '83.—pat 3; sum jour 21.

To all whom it may Concern

I HAVE this day appointed my brother Charles Monaghan, my true and lawful attorney, in the stead of Henry Escott to act for me in relation to my real estate in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and have given him a written power of attorney to that effect.

JAMES MONAGHAN, Providence, R. I., U. S. A., December 28, 1882.

NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE EXAMINER PUBLISHING COMPANY will be held at the office of the Examiner newspaper, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st January, inst., at the hour of eight o'clock in the evening.

ALBERT CARVELL

Charlottetown, Jan. 18, 1883.—wkly

HOUSE IN GEORGETOWN FOR SALE.

TO be Sold at the Court House, in Georgetown, on FRIDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1883, at noon, part of Town Lot No. 3rd range, letter F, in Georgetown, front on Kent Square, lately occupied by Mr. J. Kennedy, Tinsmith, with Dwelling House and all buildings thereon. Time will be given part of the price. Good title under Power Sale in Mortgage.

WM. SANDERSON, Auctioneer.

Georgetown, Jan. 29, 1883.—Dly t a

Charlottetown Cemetery

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at four o'clock, on TUESDAY afternoon the sixth day of February next, at the office of the Steam Navigation Company, off of Great George and Lower Water Streets. By order of the President, F. W. HALES, Secretary Cemetery Co.

Jan. 24, '83.

Diocesan Church Society

THE Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society will be held in the School Room, Charlottetown, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 8th FEBRUARY, at half-past seven o'clock.

D. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

Ch'town, Jan. 29, '83.—dy 5; pat wkly

FISHERIES, 1883.

TWINES, Herring and Mackarel, Seines, Pounds and Traps, suited for Island Fisheries, of the highest quality, thorough Manufacturers. Pounds and Traps are becoming popular, as they are profitable.

American Net and Twine Co. BOSTON

Jan. 17, 1883.—bin, wkly 5; pat