

Local and Other Items.

WM. JACK, Esq., was elected Mayor of Portland, N. B., on the 9th.

The mails, via Cape Traverse, will arrive in this city at about 6 p. m.

There will be a meeting of the Licensing Board this evening at 7.30.

The Steamer Heather Belle made her first trip to Mount Stewart this afternoon.

FRESH HERRING—the first of the season—were for sale in small quantities, at large prices, on the wharves to-day.

SWEET Spanish Oranges and fresh Lemons; also more of those Cream Dates, and fresh Coconut Cakes, at "The Confectionery."

The Legislature of Nova Scotia has been prorogued after a comparatively brief session.

Ladies', Boys' and Youths' Rubber Boots only \$1.25, Misses' 90 cts., Children's 75 cts., at Dorsey & Jost's.—1w

D. BANKS MCKENZIE'S lecture in the Institute, St. John, on the 9th, "The Life and Times of Father Matthew" drew an audience of 150 persons.

REMEMBER the Charlottetown Orchestral Club Concert in the Y. M. C. A. Hall this evening. A first-class programme has been arranged. Good music will be discoursed.

The leading physicians of Quebec met at the St. Lawrence Hall on the 6th, for the private examination of the wonderful double-headed babies, and all pronounced them perfectly beautiful and healthy.

The Roman Catholic Senators and members of the House of Commons, have signed an address congratulating Pope Leo XIII on his accession to the Holy See. The Hon. Mr. Langevin has charge of the matter.—Citizen.

A Fredericton dispatch to the Moncton Times says: It is rumored here that Charles Burpee, M. P., for Sumbury, will be our new Governor. There is the best authority for the statement that Governor Tilley was offered a second term and declined it absolutely.

A DISPATCH to W. W. McLeod, Esq., states that the "Northern Light" returned to Pictou this morning with her screw disabled; and that a ton and one-half of mail matter left Pictou by noon train for Cape Tormentine.

A BOED robbery of one thousand dollars in greenbacks took place from the counter of the Hochelaga Bank, Montreal, by a thief, while two of his accomplices kept the tellers engaged. A five hundred dollar bill was amongst those taken. The perpetrators are supposed to belong to New York.

LE COURRIER DU CANADA says:—"A rumor states that His Holiness Leo XIII has chosen a successor of Mgr. Conroy in the Episcopal See of Ardagh, Ireland, and has confirmed Mgr. Conroy in his position of Apostolic Delegate to America. Mgr. Conroy is at Omaha and will be in Montreal in about a fortnight.

THE Lachine Canal laborers, Montreal, who were defrauded out of six weeks' wages by an absconding contractor, belonging to Albany, N. Y., named Phelan, attempted to blow up one of the locks on the canal last night with dynamite. They were detected, after they had bored a hole for the explosive substance. The Government have sent an official here to settle with the men.

I. O. O. F.—On Friday, the 26th of April (the Natal Day of the Order), an Odd Fellows' Entertainment will be given in the Market Hall. Particulars will be published in a few days.

H. JAS. PALMER, Chairman Com. April 2, 1878.

At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this morning, John Foley, vagrant, was discharged; James McNeill, Daniel Ryan, and Peter McGuigan, were each fined \$1 and costs or two weeks imprisonment for loitering on the street corners; John Wise, for the same offence, was fined 50 cents and costs, or 1 week; and James Hennessey, for the same offence, was fined 25 cents and costs.

A FINE COW.—On Queen Square to-day was shown one of the handsomest, fattest, and heaviest cows ever raised on the Island. This cow is owned by Messrs. Blake Bros., and was on the square for the purpose of being photographed. She is six years old, stands very high, and will probably weigh 2,200 pounds. She was bred by the Hon. Daniel Davies, and was purchased by the present owners two years ago. Her owners will exhibit her at the Easter show and butcher her for the Easter market. The production of such splendid stock in our markets reflects much credit on both the breeder and feeders.

VAUGHAN TO BE HANGED, JUNE 22.—On Saturday in the St. John Circuit Court, Judge Wetmore, after an appropriate address to the criminal, in which he stated that "that the case was so clearly proved against you that there was no reasonable doubt of your guilt," passed upon Vaughan the death sentence, the execution to take place on Saturday, June 22. In answer to the usual inquiry of the Court previous to the sentence, Vaughan said: "I have nothing more to say than I have said." "When his honor had concluded," says the Globe, "Vaughan still unmoved, said with a strong voice which could be heard in all parts of the room: 'I am willing to die.' When he was taken into jail he asked Sergeant Briggs if he would be kind enough to ask policeman King for the seventy-five cents taken from him (the prisoner) when arrested, as he wished to buy some things."

Correspondence.

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

Lunatic Asylum Foundation.

To the Editor:

SIR,—The letter in your issue of the 10th inst., on the subject of the New Lunatic Asylum, over the signature of "Charles Hertz," must have struck, with astonishment, all who know Mr. Hertz as a most capable and experienced builder, and an unobtrusive and retiring citizen. There must be undeniable and glaring misdoing, when he is induced to appear in print.

We have already abundant proof that, in this affair, there is an astounding amount of passivity or incompetence—perhaps both. Whichever it may turn out to be, it is, unfortunately, too evident that the tax-payers of this Province are victimized to the extent of \$12,000 or \$15,000, notwithstanding we employ a large and extensive staff to protect (?) the public interest.

One would suppose, after all the self-gratulation of the Government on the efficiency of the Public Works' Department, as a set-off to its cost, that it would be quite impossible so huge and glaring a fraud could have been committed; and I confess I should have been slow to believe in it had it not been proved by the evidence of men so capable and disinterested as Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Hertz.

The question now is, what is the proper course to pursue? That the foundation-wall is totally unfit to sustain the superstructure, is manifest; and, alas! it is equally clear, that it has been paid for. If the wall be taken down and rebuilt, it must be paid for a second time; and what guarantee have we that it will be built according to specification by the same parties who have once so grossly violated the terms of their contract?

I feel some hesitation in offering a suggestion in this matter, as I have already shown, both in my place in the House of Assembly and in the Press, that by making use of Falconwood House, which has for the last year housed some forty or fifty of the workmen employed on the new Asylum, as well as one of the contractors and his family, and which would be just as fit to accommodate that portion of the inmates of the present Asylum, who are reported by the Medical Superintendent to be incurable and not in need of medical treatment, thus doing away with the necessity of a new Asylum for the next fifteen years; but, though my views were not adopted, I will again venture to offer my advice, which is: to break the contract, let the contractors retire with their ill-gotten gains,—the first loss in such a case will be the least—make use of the accommodation for lunatics already in our possession, save about \$40,000 a year in interest and working expenses, and use the material (a purpose for which it is specially adapted) to erect a monument to the recklessness and incompetence—if not something much worse—of all concerned in this notorious scandal.

Yours, &c., J. T. JENKINS. April 11, 1877.

Penitentiaries of the Maritime Provinces.

The Government Bill to amend the Penitentiary Act of 1875, extends the time for receiving prisoners at St. John and Halifax, one year, and adds the following to section 68:—"The Governor in Council may, from time to time, limit the number of persons sentenced in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia to imprisonment with hard labor for less than one year, who are to be received or imprisoned in the respective penitentiaries of these Provinces, regard being had in such limit to the number of persons imprisoned whose sentences are not less than two years, and to the accommodation for prisoners afforded by the Penitentiary building. It makes no reference to the Penitentiary prisoners in Prince Edward Island.

The Famine in China.

Sir Thomas Francis Wade, the British Minister at Peking, has written a letter to the Times, giving particulars of the fearful extent of suffering from famine in Northern China. His Excellency says: "In the provinces of Chih-li, Ho-nan, Shan-si, and Shen-si, the population, say some 75 millions, are in a state of fearful destitution. In Shan-si no rain has fallen for three years. There are no means of irrigating the soil. The province is mountainous, and whatever grain is carried into it must be carried by beasts of burden. The Governor of this province reports that between three and four millions of people are dependent on official support. In the southern section of it, he says, there remain neither bark of trees nor wild herbs to be eaten, and ordinary foodstuffs have altogether disappeared. Elsewhere in some places the people have been eating earth, and it was stated that husbands were selling their wives, and parents their children, to provide themselves with food. The Chinese Government has been more than usually alert, nor has private philanthropy been idle; but it is inevitable that before this winter is over hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Chinese in the region in question will have died of starvation. What is being given will suffice only to relieve a small percentage of the sufferers, and where Government money is to be distributed, much will find its way into the pockets of subordinate agents."

Married.

At the Manso, on the 28th March, by the Rev. John McLeod, Mr. John VanBuskirk Strong, to Miss Christy McDougald, both of Charlottetown.

At the Caladonia House, March 29th, by the Rev. John M. McLeod, Mr. John Muirhead, of Tryon, to Miss Matilda McCallum, Bedouque.

FOR SALE—A FLAG STAFF, TOP MAST and LOWER MAST, already finished, about 66 feet long, which will be sold for less than cost. Apply to J. D. CURRIE, corner Prince and Grafton Streets. March 5, 1878—5t law

Clothes Cleaning Depot,

(Above Mr. D. Farquharson's Store), CORNER OF QUEEN & DORCHESTER STREETS.

Renovating and Repairing Clothes.

MR. PATTERSON guarantees that no matter how badly faded or stained garments may be, he will restore them to their original color.

JOHN PATTERSON. Feb. 9—

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL . . \$120,000.00.

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Risks taken daily at their Office, Exchange Building.

FRED. W. HYNDMAN, Secretary.

March 25—4y law

FOR SALE,

THE Fast-trotting Canadian STALLION "Kemble Morrel." Was imported into the Island about three years ago. It can be shown that he is the sire of the most promising Stock, in shape and gait, that the Island can produce. If not sold at private sale before TUESDAY, the 16th inst., he will be offered on that day at Public Auction. Terms liberal.

PETER DOYLE. Ch'town, April 8—t sale

PAINTING!

THE Subscriber takes this opportunity of thanking the Public for the liberal patronage he has received during the five years he has been in business, and solicits a continuance of the same.

He is now prepared to execute, in a very superior manner, House, Sign, and Carriage Painting, Paper Hanging, &c.

Special attention is given by him to WHITENING, COLORING and the DECORATING of CEILINGS, WALLS, &c.

On hand and made to order—EVERY DESCRIPTION OF CARRIAGES.

Carriage Repairing promptly attended to.

Prices to suit the times.

P. H. TRAINOR, 68 Kent St., opp. Rocklin House. April 2—3m cod.

JAMES HOBBS, CABINET MAKER.

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THE SUBSCRIBER, in returning thanks to his customers and the public generally for past favors, would take this method to solicit a further continuance of their patronage. I am better prepared than ever to execute any orders that may be entrusted to me.

The latest styles of all kinds of Household, Office, Church and School Furniture, made from well-selected and seasoned stock, at short notice.

Special attention paid to Cutting, Making and Laying Carpets.

Repairing neatly done, at short notice. I would also invite the attention of Trustees of City and Country Schools to A DESK, one of the Cheapest and Best ever offered here for School purposes. Please call and inspect it in my Show Room.

JAMES HOBBS. Corner Kent and Prince Streets, Ch'town, Feb. 23, 1878. 3m 2aw

JOB PRINTING Neatly and Promptly Executed at the EXAMINER Printing Rooms, Water Street, Charlottetown.

Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for Ten Cents per day.

WANTED.—By a young man with three years experience in business in a Quebec house, an engagement as Bookkeeper or Clerk in a wholesale or retail establishment. Good recommendations from his former employer. Address, F. P., care of Mrs. Penney, Great George Street, Charlottetown. April 10, 1878—1 w

HAY FOR SALE—Nine Tons,—in bales of about 275lbs. each,—good,—at \$1.00 per hundred. Apply to JOHN NEWSON. April 9—1w

WANTED.—Board and Lodging for three persons. Address, stating terms, "W. M.," EXAMINER OFFICE. Charlottetown, April 2, 1878—pat 6i

WANTED.—A HOUSEMAID, must be well recommended, and a good washer and ironer. Enquire at the EXAMINER OFFICE. Charlottetown, March 30, 1877—1w

WANTED.—By a steady, respectable young man, a situation in a Store or Office, or at any respectable employment. Good references. Apply at this Office. March 20—

WANTED.—At a moderate rent, a HOUSE containing 6 or 8 rooms. Apply by letter at the Office of this paper. March 11—

WANTED.—A complete set of the "ROYAL GAZETTE" for the last five years, or any intermediate years. Apply at this Office, stating price. Feb. 22—18—

SPRING GOODS!

Ex S. S. Northern Light,

PRINTING AT THE

London House

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BE SHOWN ON MONDAY, the 4th March,

200 PATTERNS

CANADIAN TWEEDS,

West of England and Scotch Makes.

BLACK & BLUE BROADCLOTHS,

Worsted & Fancy COATINGS!

SINGLE GARMENTS and SUITS made up in the best styles and at the shortest notice.

OUR TAILORING DEPARTMENT

A GREAT SUCCESS.

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT

Men's and Boys' Hats.

We offer SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS in House Furnishing Goods—

DAMASKS, REPPS, CRETONNES, MOREENS, ETC.

SHEETINGS, PILLOW COTTON, WINDOW HOLLAND, White & Grey CALICO, ETC.

CARPETINGS, HEARTH RUGS, MATTS & MATTING, FLOOR CIL CLOTH, ETC.

A CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF Paper Hangings.

GEO. DAVIES & CO. March 2—1m 2aw

Auction Sales.

AUCTION! MORTGAGE SALE.

To be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of May next, A. D. 1878, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, at the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon, under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Sixteenth day of December, A. D. 1873, and made between Alexander McSwain, junior, and Gulielma, his wife, and Alexander McSwain, senior, of Township Number Twenty-one, in Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, of the one part, and George Peake and Ralph Brecken Peake, of Charlottetown, in the said County and Island, Trustees, under the marriage settlement, of Fanny Leigh, of the other part—

ALL that Tract, Piece and Parcel of Land being on Lot or Township Number Twenty-one, in said County and Island, bounded as follows, that is to say: By a line commencing at a stake fixed on the northwest side of a road from Haslam's to Rattenbury's Mill, in the southwest angle of farm-lot number seventy-four; thence (according to the magnetic meridian of 1764) north fifty-seven chains, or to the rear line of farms fronting on the Wigmore Road; thence along said rear line west eight chains; thence south to the aforesaid road; thence, following the course of the same, north-eastwardly, to the place of commencement,—said land being known and distinguished as Farm Lot Number Seventy-three, as laid down on a plan in the margin of a Deed thereof, from the Government of said Island to the said Alexander McSwain, junior,—containing Fifty Acres of Land, a little more or less, together with all Buildings and Appurtenances thereto belonging.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod, Solicitors, Charlottetown. Dated this Eleventh day of April, A. D. 1878. GEORGE PEAKE, RALPH B. PEAKE, Auctioneers. April 11, 1878—t sale

FAT OXEN. FAT OXEN.

MILCH COW & CALF.

HAY, STRAW, WHEAT, &c.

I WILL SELL by AUCTION, on Monday next, the 15th inst.,

at 11 o'clock, at the Farm of Thomas Morris, Esq., Charlottetown, opposite St. Dunstan's College,

4 Heavy Fat OXEN, in splendid order;

1 Very Fine MILCH COW and CALF, calved about ten days.

About 15 Tons HAY, 15 Tons STRAW, in lots to suit purchasers.

100 Bushels Choice Seed Wheat.

B. WILSON HIGGS, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, April 8—pat t sale ar & ne li

SALE OF STALLIONS

FAT CATTLE

I HAVE been instructed by the Hon. J. C. POPE to offer, at AUCTION, on the Market Square at 12 o'clock, on

Tuesday, the 16th April next,

The splendid thoroughbred HORSE "WARRIOR," 7 years old, imported by the Government in 1875. His Colts, which can be seen at Kensington Brewery, are very promising, and prove him to be a first-class stock getter.

Also—The handsome and powerful Draught HORSE "CHAMPION," 17 hands high, weight 1,600 lbs., compact, active, and a splendid worker.

Also—3 FAT OXEN.

The Stock can be viewed at the Brewery any day previous to sale.

WM. DODD, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, March 30—

AUCTION!

Fishing Station at Rustico.

TO BE SOLD, ON

Thursday, the 9th May next,

at 11 o'clock, on the premises,

THE FISHING STATION of the late E. E. Churchill, which comprises all that tract of Land situate on Rustico Beach, in Lot 24, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a stake set in the west side of Water Terrace, and in the northeast angle of Fishing Station No. 1, in possession of R. B. Morrison, and running thence by the Magnetic Meridian of the year 1764, south sixty degrees west, two hundred feet, to the shore of Rustico Bay; thence north sixty degrees east to the said Terrace; and thence southwardly along the same to the place of commencement—together with Buildings thereon.

Also—

2 Fishing BOATS,

3 DORIES,

38 PUNCHEONS,

Lot of Fishing Gear, Baits, Carrois, &c., &c.

Terms at sale.

J. S. CARVELL, Administrator.

Ch'town, March 11—99d wily t sale

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