

The Sudden Change at the Railway Offices.

On Saturday evening information was received at the Railway Offices here, confirming the "unexpected report" of the *Moncton Times* of Thursday.

We do not know this Mr. Archibald who has been thus summarily foisted upon us; and we don't care to know him in this connection. As we said on Saturday, we think it high time that Prince Edward Island had something to say about important appointments which materially concerns her people—high time that there should in the matter of promotions be reciprocity between this Province and the other Provinces of the Union. If there is no one on the Island fit to be Superintendent of the Island Railway (and in our opinion, there are several) some one of the many efficient officials connected with the Island Railway, should receive promotion to better positions on the Intercolonial.

We have been shamefully treated in this respect; and if our representatives cannot protect us from such outrages they had better resign.

We here enter our protest against Sir Charles Tupper making this Island his Nova Scotia preserve, while our men obtain no official entrance either to Nova Scotia or any other Province.

We believe there is no subject upon which the Island people will be so united as this one.

The appointment of Mr. Archibald must be cancelled, or the officials on the Island must have fair play.

Debts Due to the Public.

The *Patriot* is striving to raise a prejudice against the Commissioner of Crown Lands because he is striving to collect long standing arrears due the Land Office. We are surprised at the *Patriot*. Not a single defaulter to the public has, so far, been proceeded against who has paid a single cent within the past ten years! and if there is one duty which, more than another, the Local Government owes to the people who gave them power, it is the duty of forcing these men—these drones in the Provincial hive—to pay as their more honest and industrious fellows have done. Of course there are some persons to whom leniency should be shown—such, for instance, as farmers in Lot 19, who too hastily agreed to pay a higher price for their lands than farmers on other estates were called upon to pay. But generally, the payment should, wherever necessary, be enforced. Our Governments have hitherto been too lenient with men who will not pay their debts to the public; and the taxes the public are called upon to pay are now, in consequence, so much the higher. Had the money expended in land been carefully collected and funded, and not squandered as it has been, we should not, we believe, have known the tax gatherer at all. All good citizens will sustain the Commissioner in the policy he is carrying out.

Harsh and Unfair Conduct of Customs Officials.

A short time ago we called attention to sharp practices on the part of some importers. We have now to call attention to sharp practices on the part of the Customs officials. It appears that a short time ago, a United States firm shipped goods to five different merchants of this Province—in one case; and enclosed separate invoices for each of the several parcels. The case arrived on a Tuesday evening. The merchant to whom the case was sent, went to the Custom House on Wednesday morning and made an entry of the case, paid the duty on his parcel, and at the same time told the officials that the case contained parcels for other merchants, and, it is said, even showed the invoices for them. There was no attempt whatever at concealment or fraud; and yet, when, five minutes after, a representative of one of the other firms to whom a parcel was sent, went to pay the duty, he was told that the goods were all confiscated because they were not all marked on the invoice of the merchant to whom the case was consigned. From that day to this the merchants aggrieved have had no satisfaction whatever other than that they could have the goods on payment of a fine of twenty dollars for each parcel—a sum equal to the first cost of the goods. Unnecessarily harsh conduct such as this on the part of officials, does the Government a great deal more harm than their policy, properly carried out, can possibly do. We call the attention of the Minister of Customs to this "case."

Music and the Masses.

With a view to foster a taste among the masses for good music, a series of weekly concerts, by first-class artists, were given last winter in the Town Hall at Birmingham Eng. the admission fee being placed at three pence or six cents. As the receipts were insufficient to meet the expenses the balance was made up by the Mayor and several other gentlemen, and so pleased are they with the results, some sixty thousand people having attended, that arrangements have been made to continue the concerts during the coming winter. A promenade concert of high class music, was given on a recent Saturday afternoon, from two to nine p. m., in Bingley Hall, a place capable of holding 15,000 people, the admission fee being placed at one penny or two cents; and the hall was well filled the whole time. This proves that the English working-man is amenable to the influence of good music, and is not exactly the savage that some dilettante writers would lead us to infer.

POTATOES AND OATS.—The Halifax Herald of the 30th says: "From P. E. Island yesterday we imported 5,600 bushels potatoes, 700 bush oats and 593 bush turnips."

Mr. McNab.

We have not heard what the Government proposes to do with Mr. McNab. Doubtless his engineering skill is required in the superintendency of the construction of the "Canada Pacific." While, here Mr. McNab has, with two assistants, done the work which Messrs. McKechnie and Cunningham did with five assistants; and he has, we believe, done it so well that he has won the respect and confidence of his subordinate officials and the good will of the public. His duties were the more arduous on account of his scrupulous attention to details; and we have no doubt that he will welcome a change which will lighten his labors, and, at the same time, in all probability, increase his pay.

Halloween.

As Halloween fell on Sunday, it will probably be honored in most houses this evening; for it would be wrong to deprive the children of their "apple ducking" and "nut cracking." The leading idea of Halloween is that it is a time of all others when supernatural influences prevail. "It is a night set abroad for the universal walking abroad of spirits both of the visible and invisible world." Auld Scotia's Halloween customs are thus described by Robert Burns:

"The auld guidwife's well-hoordit nits  
Are round and round divided,  
And many lads' and lasses' fates  
Are there that night decided:  
Some kindle, counthie, side by side,  
And burn tegether trimly;  
Some start awa wi' saucy pride,  
And jump out-owre the chimly  
Fu' high that night.  
Jean slips in twa wi' tentie e'e;  
Wha' twas she wadna tell;  
But this is Jock, and this is me,  
She says in to hersel';  
He bleezed owre her, and she owre him,  
As they wad never mair part;  
Till, fuff! he started up the lum,  
And Jean had e'en a sair heart  
To see't that night."

Local and Other Items.

SENATOR HOWLAN is at the Rankin.

LIEUTENANT HORNE'S letter, unavoidably crowded out, will appear to-morrow.

DIPHTHERIA.—Several cases of diphtheria are reported in this city, chiefly among children.

THE County Court completed its session on Saturday. Judgment was delivered on a few important cases to day.

NOVA SCOTIA papers say that disgusted Nova Scotians are returning from the States, poorer and sadder, but wiser men.

A MULATTO, named "Mucky" Jackson, was arrested by the police to-day for stealing a shirt from a clothesline in the clergy-house yard.

THE Steamer *M. A. Starr*, sailed for Halifax on Saturday with a freight of 270 bags, and 50 barrels potatoes, shipped by Henry Coombs and 140 bags oats and 10 bbls oysters, by R. Brydges.

Two cases of assault and one of drunkenness at the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court to-day. The assaults—John McLeod and James McIntyre—were remanded for further examination. A fine of \$10 was imposed on the "drunk."

A HEAVY gale blew from the southwest yesterday and continued accompanied by heavy rain, until after midnight. Numerous schooners took refuge in the harbor. We have not heard of any wrecks around the coast.

A MONTREAL despatch states that a disgraceful scene occurred in the Court of Queen's Bench there the 29th, in which Mr. Archambault and Mr. Guerin, the opposing counsel in the McNamee \$15,000 robbery case, came to blows.

The meeting advertised in Terlizick's building to aid the Mission work, has been deferred till Monday, Nov. 1st, at 8 o'clock, when it is proposed to organize a Young Women's Christian Association, to undertake benevolent work generally.

At St. John, on Friday evening, Andrew Lawson was stabbed in the groin by a man named Wark who had been ejected from a saloon. It is thought that he mistook Lawson for the proprietor. Wark has been arrested. Lawson is in a precarious state.

HON. P. FORTIN, M. P., for Gaspe; Mr. Gisbourn, Ottawa, and Mr. King, Electrician, Edinburgh, arrived from Souris on Saturday, and stopped at the Rankin until this morning, when they left en route for Montreal. They report the successful laying of the new marine cable from Gaspe to Anticosti, to Magdalen Islands, to Bird Rock and its landing at Cape North, C. B.

ALL SAINTS DAY.—According to *Chambers' Book of Days*, "This festival takes its origin from the conversion, in the seventh century, of the Pantheon at Rome into a Christian place of worship, and its dedication by Pope Boniface IV. to the Virgin and all the martyrs. The anniversary of this event was at first celebrated on the first of May; but the day was subsequently altered to the 1st of November, which was, therefore, under the designation of the feast of All Saints, set apart as a general commemoration in their honor. The festival has been retained by the Anglican Church."

REV. DR. LEEMING.—Speaking of Dr. Leeming's lecture on Charles Dickens, the *Quebec Telegraph* has the following:—"After a few introductory remarks referring to the style of the author and the motives from which he wrote, he recited the narrative of the 'Queer Client' from the 'Pickwick Papers.' It was a prodigious feat of memory and a marvellous exhibition of elocutionary power. This selection, said the speaker, presents varied features of intense suffering, calm resignation, fierce passion, and horrible revenge; then, in a manner which held his hearers spell-bound, he recited the thrilling narrative, as it is written by Dickens. The intense feeling he poured into this recitation, the faultless execution of the varied passages,

the musical richness of his voice, and his majestic bearing, will establish Dr. Leeming, in the opinion of those who heard him, as the prince of speakers and a thorough master of elocutionary art. In the latter portion of the programme, he gave the trial scene from *Barrell & Pickwick*, and the style in which he sustained the different characters, provoked the greatest merriment and laughter." The lecture takes place to-night at the Academy of Music.

APPLES AND Household Furniture, Pine Boards, Laths, Palings, &c.

I WILL sell at AUCTION, at my Sale Room, Queen Square, TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, 2nd inst., at 2 o'clock,—  
100 bbls. Nova Scotia APPLES,—all the best kinds of winter fruit in prime order.  
A collection of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Chairs, Tables, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Stoves, Carpets, etc., etc.  
Also, at 4 o'clock, on Pownall Wharf,—  
50,000 feet inch Pine Boards, wide and dry,  
15,000 feet 1 1/2 and 2 inch Pine Plank,  
30,000 Laths,  
10,000 pieces Palings,  
Ex "Claymore" and "Spirit of the Day."  
WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.  
Nov. 1, 1880.

In Aid of St. Vincent of Paul Society.

The Rev. Dr. Leeming  
WILL LECTURE,  
TO-NIGHT,  
AT THE  
Academy of Music,  
—ON—  
"Two Hours with Charles Dickens."  
Commence at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

NEW GOODS. Wholesale and Retail.

275 packages choice TEA,  
90 boxes Valencia RAISINS,  
Barrels CURRANTS,  
150 bbls. choice Baldwin Apples  
25 puncheons MOLASSES,  
200 boxes SOAP,  
14 boxes Colman's STARCH,  
50 casks Kerosene (American),  
60 5-gallon tins do. do.,

AND A REGULAR ASSORTMENT OF  
CHOICE GROCERIES!  
WHICH WILL BE SOLD CHEAP.

BEER & GOFF.  
Nov. 1, 1880.

FOR SALE.

WHAT desirable residence owned and occupied by the subscriber, and situate on Dundas Esplanade, together with the water lot in front.  
The house and outbuildings are in a state of thorough repair.  
For terms apply to Messrs. HODGSON & McLEOD, or to  
ALEX. MACNAB.  
Ch'town, Nov. 1, '80—tf

Porto Rico Sugar.

JUST RECEIVED,—  
10 bbls. Porto Rico SUGAR,  
Bright Retailing. Selling Low.  
WILLIAM DODD,  
Nov. 1, '80—2t  
Queen Square.

Reserve Mine Nut Coal.

ONLY EQUALLED BY OLD SYDNEY MINE.  
DAILY EXPECTED TO ARRIVE, a cargo of the above superior Nut coal. Just the thing for house use.

Old Sydney Mine Round Coal

A cargo of the above expected to arrive. Will be sold cheap from vessel.  
F. S. HANFORD & CO.,  
Nov. 1, '80—3t  
43 Water Street.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between FRANCIS S. LONGWORTH and ROBERT SHAW, doing business in Charlottetown under the style and firm of  
LONGWORTH & SHAW,  
as Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.  
Dated this 30th day of October, A. D. 1880.  
F. S. LONGWORTH,  
ROBERT SHAW.  
Ch'town, Nov. 1, '80—tf

LONDON HOUSE.

FALL, 1880.

Geo. Davies & Co.

ARE NOW SHOWING

THE BULK OF THEIR SUPERB

NEW

STOCK!

AND OFFER THE

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—AND—

LARGEST ASSORTMENT

In the Trade,

—IN—

ALL DEPARTMENTS.

It Will Pay

EVERY BUYER

—OF—

DRY GOODS

TO LOOK THROUGH

OUR STOCK

Before Purchasing.

Terms Cash.

GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Charlottetown, Sept. 30, 1880.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

TO be sold by Public Auction, near the Store of Owen Connolly, Esq., at Cardigan Bridge, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 17th day November Next, 1880,

at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, All that eligible Lot, No. 53, situate in the thriving village of Cardigan, having a front of 50 feet on Pleasant Street, and running back by parallel lines 118 feet, together with the Dwelling House and outhouses thereon.

Also, at the same time and place, all that Farm of Land on Lot 54, commencing at the north-west angle of land in possession of Duncan Campbell, and running thence west 15 chains and 50 links; thence south 64 chains and 52 links; thence east to the western boundary of land in the possession of the said Duncan Campbell; thence north along said boundary to the place of commencing, containing 109 acres of land, a little more or less. Terms liberal on approved security, and made known at sale.

NEL McLEOD.

Ch'town, Oct. 29, '80—4t

Quebec Steamship Company.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE S. S. "MIRAMICHI" is intended to be dispatched from Montreal on her last trip this season, on FRIDAY, the 5th of November. Consignees are therefore requested to have their orders in Montreal so that goods can be ready for shipment at the date named.

Oct. 29, '80—3t

CARVELL BROS., Agents.

MARBLE MANTLES,

Shelves and Register Grates.

I WILL sell at AUCTION, at the store of Mr. S. W. CRABBE, corner of Grafton and Great George streets, on THURSDAY, the 4th November, at 11 o'clock,—  
12 Marble Mantels and Register Grates,  
6 Marble Mantel Shelves.

Oct. 26, 1880. WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

Sweet Cider.

A FEW barrels Choice Fresh Cider, made from Grafted Fruit, and warranted a first-class article, which will be sold very cheap.

Oct. 28, '80. WILLIAM DODD, Queen Square.

82nd BATTALION BAND.

Grand Promenade Concert

THE Committee of the 82nd Battalion Band have arranged for a Grand Promenade Concert, in the

DRILL SHED,

on the evening of

Thursday, the 4th of November Next,

IN AID OF THE BAND FUND.

Doors open at 7 1/2. Concert to commence at 8 o'clock, precisely, and close punctually at 10. Tickets 25 cents each, to admit one lady and gentleman, to be had at the City Drug Stores, and at the door.

F. S. LONGWORTH,  
Capt. 82nd Batt., Sec'y Band Com.  
Oct. 27, '80—pat till 4th nov

BALDWIN APPLES.

100 BARRELS American Baldwin Apples, "extra hand picked fruit," selling low to make room for further consignments.

Oct. 28, '80. WILLIAM DODD, Queen Square.

MUSIC AND SINGING.

ON and after AUGUST 1st, Mrs. JAMES BROWN will give instruction in Music and Singing at her residence, King Square. Terms on application  
Ch'town, July 29, 1880—3m 3taw tu th s

Wants, Lost, Found, &c

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

DRIFTED—From Kelly's Cove, Southport, a small Boat. The finder will be rewarded by leaving information at this office. [oc 29 2t]

EPIZOO—A guaranteed remedy, for sale at Fraser's Drug Store, Queen St. Oct. 25th. 7t.

EPIZOOTIC—The best remedy is for sale at the Apothecaries Hall, DesBrisay's Corner. oct 25 d e 1w

UMBRELLAS—The subscriber wishes to inform the citizens of Charlottetown that the business of Umbrella mending, &c., is still carried on at the old stand, opposite Mr. R. Bridge's meat store.—S. TAUDVIN. [oc 25 1m]

COOK—A first-class COOK wanted immediately at the "REVERE HOUSE." Good wages. [oc 8 tf]

McEwen House continues to receive permanent BOARDERS. Terms moderate. [oc 7]

TO LET—Two Houses, containing 5 and 3 rooms respectively. Apply to JAMES McLEOD, Lower Spring Park Road. [se 30]

WAGSTAFF'S HOTEL, Powna Street, continues to receive transient and permanent Boarders. [j 11]