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Inducements to Subscribers.

BEAUTIFUL ART PRIZES.

We intend offering a number of first-class Prizes, to be drawn for by subscribers according to the English Art Union rules.

- 1st Prize—An Oil Painting called "Moonrise on the Coast"—value \$30.
2nd do.—"The Passing of Shower"—value \$20.
3rd do.—"The Evening Song"—value \$10.
4th do.—A Water Color—value \$5.
5th do.—A handsomely bound edition of "Lectures Yawcob Strauss, and other Poems," by Chas. F. Adams.
6th do.—"Evenings in the Library," by Geo. Stewart, Jr.
7th do.—Mrs. May Agnes Fleming's last book, "Silent and True."

The oil paintings are being painted by our talented townsman, John C. Miles, Esq., whose well earned reputation as an artist is sufficient guarantee that the pictures will be valuable works of art.

When finished they will be placed in the window of Mr. A. C. Smith's drug store, on exhibition.

The drawing will take place on the 1st of June.

Remember that for One Dollar you will receive a copy of the TORCH for one year, and have a chance for one of the prizes.

Canvassers wanted, to whom good commissions will be given, to obtain subscriptions in this city and the Provinces. Parties wishing to canvass will please apply personally to the editor, at the office of E. T. C. Knowles, Barrister, &c., in Y. M. C. A. Building, or by letter

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SPECIAL INDUCEMENT TO CANVASSERS.—A cash prize of \$10 (beside the commission) will be given to the person obtaining the largest list of subscribers between now and the first of June.

We understand that Mr. J. A. S. Mott is to be a candidate for the Councilorship of Queen's Ward.

THE new Alarm bell has been placed in the Police Office tower. The Fire Committee pay for the privilege of having it there, \$2,850.

THE EASTERN KNIGHT—represents the order of the Knights of Pythias in the New England States. It is published monthly at Danielsonville, Con. The contents are Pithy-an' bright.

AFTER all some Bibles were sent to the Fire Sufferers. The British and Foreign Bible Society were the donors—and Mr. Thos. McLellan is distributing them.

MR. JAS. LINGLEY was made a happy papa on Wednesday last. He bears the affliction with pious resignation. A little girl.

COUNCILLOR MARRIN has every facility for carrying on the watch-making and jewellery business, at his Store, in the Market Building.

CARDINAL PECCI, was elected Pope, and has assumed the Pontificate, under the title of LEO XIII. There is little doubt that he will be a worthy successor to the illustrious Pius the ninth.

A MUSICAL and LITERARY Entertainment was given at the Institute last evening—by the distinguished elocutionist, Miss Cayvan, assisted by the popular Soprano, Miss Dora Wiley—so favorably known to the Saint John public. Prof. Hodgdon presided at the piano.

APPLETON'S POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY for March comes to us too late for extended notice to-day. A cursory examination of its contents leads us to believe that it is a number of unusual excellence. Any one who wishes to know all about the "Telephone" should get this issue and read the well illustrated description of that remarkable space annihilator.

CIVIC.—The Common Council on Wednesday gave a very decided expression of opinion against the continuance of the Shanties on the public Squares. It was pointed out, that even if the Council were willing that the Shanties should remain after the first of May, the Council would not be in a position to grant the privilege without authority therefor from the Legislature, and that it was beyond doubt, in view of public opinion in reference to the matter, that the Legislature would give no such authority.

CRIMINAL.

THE Coroner's JURY found VAUGHAN guilty of the murder of MARY QUINN. He will be tried at the next Circuit Court.

THE examination of McCoy, charged with indecent assault upon NAOMI FLOWERS, is being conducted in the Fairview Parish Court, before Justices OLIVE and FAIR.

Is the Parrot gun a repeater? Its name suggests that it is.—*Danielsonville Sentinel.*

Pleasure is manifested in different ways, but we believe nobody ever heard a man sing when he has dropped a scuttle of ashes on the back stairs.—*Bridgeport Standard.*

"What's the difference," asked the teacher in arithmetic, "between one yard and two yards?" "A fence," said Tommy Boales. Then Tommy sat on the ruler fourteen times.—*Ec.*

An item to cut out for next season: A piece of ice applied to a mosquito bite will remove the pain.—*Boston Journal.* A piece of ice applied with sufficient momentum to a window, will also remove the pane.

BUSINESS NOTES.—Messrs. Mullin, Bros., are displaying a complete assortment of ready-made clothing, at their new and elegant store on the corner of the North Wharf and Dock Street, and are prepared to execute satisfactorily all orders.

MESSRS. THORNE, Bros., are still dispensing hats, caps, and furs—in the latest styles and at the lowest rates. Call on them at No. 93, King Street.

We call attention to the advertisement of Mr. Thomas Youngelaus, in another column.

BUY your Groceries from John Grady, Dock Street.

A veritable ghost has lately taken a nightly bent at Putnam, Ct., and several inebriated folks have been scared out of their wits. It appears like a tall female figure, dressed in black, and has a rather startling way of approaching people and then vanishing into air.—*Exchange.*

Vanishes into where, do you say?

A well known drinking man was seen in Stanford with a blue ribbon pinned on his coat. A friend inquired, "Have you joined the Murphy's, Judge?" "Not exactly," he replied, "I only wear this in hope that some one will ask me to take a drink under the impression that I'll refuse."

Mr. Czardine of Whitehall says of his next door neighbor: "I don't mean to say that the old cuss 'll lie, but I simply remark if the punishment that was visited upon the heads of Amanias and Sapphira was the go now, yer couldn't find a life insurance company in Ameriky that 'ud risk two cents on his confounded old carcass."

The proposal to amend the Act of Assembly governing the Fire Department, so that the Chief Engineer shall be empowered to appoint and displace the officers and men in the Department, is of a less radical character than would at first sight appear—by reason of the saving clause, allowing an appeal to the Common Council. This leaves the responsibility for the fitness of the men upon the Council.

THERE is every prospect that Wallace Ross and the Toronto champion will be *Hawlan* the our against each other on the Kennecassis the coming summer. St. John men, especially those who witnessed the Toronto race, will hope that Ross *Wal-lace* his opponent.

Courtney, the sculler, should not be considered bad tempered because he "got" *Riley* towards the close of each race last year.

Why would a certain New York sculler answer for an aquatic race course? Because he is a *Big-tin*.