

*The Literary Echo.*

Charlottetown, P. E. Island, August 15, 1874.

**HUMBUGS.**—During the summer months, this community, as well as other portions of the Island, are pestered with a class of persons travelling with shows, circuses, concerts and other humbugs, who are either too lazy to earn an honest living at home, or too incompetent to give a proper entertainment for the money demanded, where they are known. It is evident that all the spare cash that can be dragged out of our people is taken from the country, and nothing left as an equivalent, making us so much the poorer by the exchange. Those persons go away and laugh at the gullibility of the P. E. Islanders, and another gang arrives, who are as great humbugs as their predecessors, and so it goes on year after year. If the editors of the different city papers would discountenance all such performances, they would confer a benefit upon the people at large, as well as upon the individuals who are too often lured into thus throwing their money away upon that which profiteth not.

**LITTLE WANDERERS.**—We are happy to inform our friends, that the Rev. R. G. Toles, Superintendent of the Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers, will visit this city with a number of the children under his care. Miss Kate Davis, who accompanied him on his former visit will be of the party. The Rev. gentleman will speak on Sunday morning, the 23rd inst., in the Kirk, at 11 o'clock, a.m., and in Zion Church, at 3 p.m.

On Monday evening the Children will appear again before the public, when Miss Kate Davis will give some Select Readings. We copy the following notice from the *Daily Scrutonian*.

"A most delightful entertainment was given last evening by Mr. Toles and his Choir. Several pieces were sung in good taste, the remarkable voice of Miss Kate Davis shown to excellent advantage in solos and choruses. We have never heard such a voice; such depth, compass, power and sweetness, it is simply marvellous. No less remarkable than her singing were her Readings. We heard but two pieces, Trowbridge's "Charcoal Man," and "The Gridiron," the latter being a humorous dialogue. In the first piece the young reader displayed the wonderful power of her voice, more like the tones of a rich bell than anything else we can think of. In the latter she discovered very remarkable histrionic powers."

The whole proceedings will be of the most interesting character, consisting of incidents relating to the Home and choice pieces of music will be sung. The public are cordially invited. A collection will be taken up in aid of the Home.

WITH this issue we number One thousand two hundred and three in all. We have Six hundred and seventy-four in the city alone. Persons requiring to announce any fact to the citizens of Charlottetown, cannot at the present time, find a more direct means of communication with them, than through the columns of the LITERARY ECHO.

We have in our possession, a head of timothy hay, measuring ten inches in length, grown upon Mr. John Praught's farm, Pownal, Lot 49.

BACK NOS., of the LITERARY ECHO, will be furnished to new subscribers if desired, with the commencement of that very interesting tale, "Tempest and Sunshine." In every number of the paper, there is a finished story, and a variety of other miscellaneous reading. Remember we pay all postage on the LITERARY ECHO, within the Dominion.

In our last issue, some of the lines in the advertisement of the "Commercial College" were displaced, but are all right in this number.

ANY one sending us ten new subscribers, for the LITERARY ECHO, with the cash, will receive an extra copy free, postage prepaid by us.

It is our intention to give a running Pen and Ink Sketch of the various portions of the Island, where our canvassing Agent may visit.

*General Items.*

Lake Superior is the largest body of fresh water in the world. Its greatest length is 355 miles, its greatest breadth 160 miles, and its area is 32,000 square miles. Its average depth is from 688 to 1,000 feet. It is 600 feet above the level of the sea, 22 feet higher than Lake Michigan, and 50 feet higher than Erie.

Lake Michigan is 320 miles long, 108 miles in the widest part, and in mean depth 900 feet. In its greatest length it is 390 miles. It has an area of 23,000 square miles.

The greatest length of Lake Huron is 200 miles, the greatest width 100 miles, the mean depth 600 feet, and the area 20,000 square miles.

Lake Erie's greatest length is 250 miles, its greatest width 50 miles, the mean depth 84 feet, and it has a superficial area of about 9,000 square miles.

The greatest length of Lake Ontario is 180 miles, the greatest breadth 65 miles, the mean depth 260 feet, and the area 9,000 square miles.

The assessed valuation of property in Colorado is \$24,000,000. It has a population of 75,000, no public debt, levied no territorial tax for the year 1872, and has a balance of over \$50,000 in the treasury. The following table is taken from the report of the auditor for 1872. Horses, 15,000; sheep, 1,000,000; mules, 3,000; cattle, 150,000; swine, 8,000; goats, 5,000. [Buffalo, antelope, deer, bear, and "such like," though of considerable value, are not counted, because not subject to control. Colorado gave us the first narrow-gauge railway, and, by means of its extension all through her great, grand, rich mountains, her mineral wealth will be brought out.]

It is said that at fifty years of age, a man has slept 6,000 days, worked 6,500 days, walked 800 days, amused himself 4,000 days, was eating 1,500 days, and was sick 500 days. In this time he has eaten 79,000 lbs. of bread, 16,000 lbs. of meat, 4,000 lbs. of vegetables, eggs, and fish; and drunk 7,000 gallons of liquid—namely, water, coffee, tea, beer, wine, etc.—altogether. This would make a respectable lake of 300 feet surface and three feet deep, on which a small steamboat could float comfortably. Few men of fifty, probably, have looked upon themselves in this light before.