faithful in His service, in order that you may be happy with Him for all eternity. Amen.

The congregation in the Cathedral at the midnight Mass, numbered about fifteen hundred.

In our article on the "New Cathedral," in our last issue, we omitted to state that there are about seven thousand feet of piping in connection with the heating apparatus, and that the work of putting in the apparatus was done under the direction of Mr. O. Daoust, junior member of the firm of A. Blondin & Co.

The Education Bill.

THE Montreal Gazette has the following to say regarding the educational bill of the Marchand Government: The Government bill to amend the school law in its main effect will give the educational system of the Province a political instead of a non-partizan head. The provincial secretary for the time being will take over and discharge the duties now devolving upon the superintendent, and will have, in addition, some new powers not at present enjoyed by that official. He will control "the administration and management of everything which concerns public instruction." He will distribute the grants intended for public schools and other educational institutions. He will select text books, etc., from a list approved by the committees of the Council of Public. Instruction, and may acquire the copyright of any book so approved. The Council of Public Instruction will continue, as in the past, to exist; but a good deal of its influence will depart from it. The logic of events will tend to reduce it to the status of the Council of Agriculture, an organization the existence of which is practically unknown. The minister will be appealed to in all matters of dispute. He will be held responsible for and will explain in the Legislature all matters connected with the educational system of the province. He will gradually, whether he seeks to or not, overshadow the other sharers in the oversight of the schools. There is nothing wrong in this. It is in keeping with the spirit of responsible government that whoever has charge of any branch of the administration should be in a position to be criticized direct by the taxpayers' representatives. That the change will have any immediate or noticeable effect in raising the standard of education in the province will depend much on the man who is minister. A hard working, painstaking member of the Government will be as efficient as a superintendent in regulating the details of the various services, and will have some influence that a superintendent might lack. On the other hand, he will be open to political influences that a superintendent is free from, and political influence is generally a bad influence in education. The working of the measure may be its justification. It can, if it is passed, only be accepted as on trial.

THE following from the Montreal Gazette will, says the Halifax Evening Mail, be heartily endorsed by all Canadians worthy of the name: "A tablet, giving the date of his birth and the time and place of his death has been placed in St. Mary's Cathedral, Halifax, in memory of Sir John Thompson. Probably this and the stone on his grave will be all the sculptured memorials that will be raised to one of the best and greatest of Canadians. Sir John Thompson stepped into the political arena a leader, and was immediately recognized as one of the foremost of parliamentarians. Every session added to his reputation, which was won by sheer intellectual ability, coupled with a sincere desire to promote the country's welfare. There was no career in Canada like this. Honors that others toil for a lifetime came to him in less than a decade. He died full of honors at an age when many men are only beginning their public careers. He was a man worthy of every honor in life and in death yet of a nature so modest and simple that if he could speak he would count the simplest memorial the best, and the plainest token of friendly esteem the worthiest means of keeping his memory alive."

JOHN AVERY, a veteran of the Crimean war, died at Halifax on Sunday last.

THE Dominion Parliament is announced to meet for the despatch of business on February 3rd.

Nervous people find relief by enriching their blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is the one true blood purifier and nerve tonic.

Liver Ills

Like biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work

Hood's Pills

easily and thoroughly. Best after dinner pills. 25 cents. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pill to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Bankrupt Purchase

We were fortunate enough to secure a part of the bankrupt stock of the big Toronto house,

JOHN EATON & CO.,

And are now giving the same to our customers at wonderful prices. Every dollar's worth is marked in plain figures at an astonishing bargain. Everyone is invited to call and share in this great sale, but

We Specially Invite Our Old and Regular Customers,

as we particularly want them to benfit by these unequalled prices.

The sale is now on—lose no time in calling.

BEER BROS,

The Popular Dry Goods Store

In addition to the above we have secured a portion of the extra stock of a large warehouse at

60c on the Dollar

Every yard of these goods are new and in prime condition.

Dress Goods.

Double width Tweeds, 600 yds., regularly 24c. 15c

Handsome flake Tweeds, regularly sold at 30c. 19c

Elegant novelties in new styles, worth 60c. 38c

Pretty fancy goods tweeds and diagonals worth 40c. 25

These are 4 Wonders.

BEER BROS,

The Leading Fur Store of P. E. Island.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

IT is expected that the Ontario Provincial general elections will take place some time in March next.

MR. QUINCY, the Democratic candidate, was re-elected Mayor of Boston the other day.

WITHIN the past three weeks the Halifax Sugar Refinery has advanced the price of granulated sugar half a cent a pound, and yellow sugar three fourths of a cent.

MR. GEORGE J. MCCORMACK, of St. George's, has been appointed School Inspector for the eastern division of the Province. Congratulations.

MONCTON had another fire on Sunday morning last. It destroyed the Central Bookstore, causing damage to the extent of two thousand dollars.

A CAN of gasolene exploded in Chicago the other day. The burning oil set fire to a pet dog, and he running round set fire to the draperies, and this set fire to the Chicago Coliseum.

D. C. MCTAVISH, of Ottawa, has been appointed Senior Judge of the County Court of Carleton, Ont., to succeed Judge Ross, resigned on account of advanced age.

THREE boys, White, Bourque and Cormier, were playing with a pound can of blasting powder at Moncton the other day, when it exploded, wrecking the smoke house in which they were, and injuring the boys very badly.

THE Princess made her last trip between here and Pictou on Friday evening last. The Stanley crossed to Pictou on Christmas morning, and returned thence to Georgetown the same evening, on which route she continues.

IT is announced that at the next session of the Newfoundland Legislature, the Government will introduce a measure providing a bounty of $4 per ton on all sailing vessels owned, fitted, provided and manned in that colony, bona fide engaged in prosecuting the seal fisheries during 1898.

THE Northumberland made her last trip between Summerside and Point du Chene on Wednesday last, the 22nd. She came to Charlottetown the same evening. She did not miss a trip since the opening of navigation. Her last trip last year was on December 16th.

THE civic estimates of Halifax for the coming year approved by the committee amount to $370,795, one thousand dollars more than last year. The rate of taxation for the present year is $1.63, but it is expected that the increased assessment valuation next year will make the coming rate lower.

JIMMY MICHAEL, of Wales, middle distance bicycle champion, met Arthur A. Chase, middle distance bicycle champion of England, Saturday night last, at Madison Square Garden, N. Y., in a thirty mile race over ten laps board track and won so easily that bike experts are guessing just how little "Rarebit" is.

ADVICES from Rome say that the Pope's Encyclical on the Manitoba school question was published there on Christmas Eve. As there are some conflicting expressions of opinion going the rounds of the press regarding the tenor of the document, we shall await the arrival of the Encyclical itself before making any remarks concerning it.

ACCORDING to Quebec advices Mr. Francois Langelier reiterates his statement that there is no change in his attitude since the visit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Quebec. No agreement whatever, he says, between the Premier and himself, and so far as present indications go, there is no immediate prospect of any such.

A FEW days before the close of navigation between Summerside and Point du Chene, Captain Cameron, of the Northumberland, was presented by the I. C. R. employes at Point du Chene, with a handsome silver-headed umbrella, as a mark of the esteem in which the gallant captain is held by them. Captain Cameron is held in popular esteem by all who have the good fortune to travel by the Northumberland.

THE Shareholder, a weekly trade paper, published in Montreal, tells a story of the most extraordinary undervaluation of goods ever discovered by the customs officials in Canada. Messrs. Fitzgibbons, Schafhaillin & Co., Victoria Square, are the accused firm, and the amount of the undervaluation is placed at $400,000. They are importers of European dry goods, woolens and tailors trimmings, with a house in Berlin, Germany. It is said that the firm entered goods at the custom house on fraudulent lent invoices, prepared in Berlin and forwarded to this country.

THE new link of the Empire, in the shape of three-cent postage to Great Britain and the colonies, which was announced with such a flourish of trumpets by the Government at Ottawa during the Toronto election, will not be enforced for the present. The Colonial Office has pulled the Postmaster-General up sharply by informing him that this matter is not of the purely domestic character which Hon. Mr. Mulock had assumed it to be. Hence the proposed reduction is indefinitely postponed.

IT is announced from Ottawa that the award of the Behring Sea claims commissioners is $464,000. This sum covers all the items, including interest, involved in the different claims of the masters and crews of twenty-four vessels seized by the United States Cruisers during the years from 1886 to 1892, with the exception of two minor cases—the Black Diamond and the master of the Ada. The award appears to be the $425,000 formerly agreed upon, but which the United States Senate refused to appropriate, with interest from that time.

ACCORDING to the winter time table on the P. E. Island Railway, which came into effect on Monday last, an express train leaves Charlottetown at 7.20 a. m, local time, reaching Summerside at 9.50. Returning this will leave Summerside at one o'clock, and is due to reach this city at 3.30. Between Summerside and Tignish this train runs as an accommodation. The regular mixed train on the western division will be continued, reaching Charlottetown at 11 a. m., and leaving here on return at 4.10 p. m. The train for the east leaves here at 3.30 p. m., reaching Georgetown at 6.45, and Souris at 7.40 p. m. On return the train leaves Souris at 7.20 in the morning, and Georgetown 8.10. These figures are all according to local time.

C. M. B. A.—Resolution of Condolence.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 275, C. M. B. A., Georgetown, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself, by the hand of death, our esteemed Brother, Joseph B. McDonald, (President of this branch) No. 275 of the C. M. B. A., be it therefore

Resolved, that while humbly submitting to the will of God, who does all things for the best, we, the officers hereby tender, in the name of the branch, to his wife and family in this the hour of their sad affliction, that sincere sympathy we all feel towards them but which no words of condolence can adequately convey, and we pray that God may strengthen and console them to bear patiently their great loss.

For our deceased brother our prayers shall ever supplicate before the throne of Divine Mercy to grant him rest eternal, be it also

Resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, also that a copy of the resolution be entered in the minutes of this branch and inserted in the HERALD, Watchman and Canadian and that a copy be sent to the widow of our deceased President.

Signed by the officers present,
Stephen T. Phelan, Spiritual adviser.
H. J. McPhee, Vice President.
Hugh McPhee, Second Vice President.
J. H. Byrne Financial Secretary.
Temple W. McDonald, Rec. Sec'y.
T. E. Morrisey, Asst. " "
Ernest Doyle, Guard.

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Crawling, or Stinging Skin Disease Relieved in a Few Minutes by Dr. Agnew's Ointment—Price 35 Cents.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves instantly and cures tetter, salt rheum, scald head, eczema, ulcers, blotches and all eruptions of the skin. It is soothing and quieting and acts like magic in all baby humors, irritation of the scalp or rashes during teething time. 35 cents a box. Sold by Geo. E. Hughes.

Ottawa advices of the 24th say: The new link of the empire in the shape of three cent postage to Britain and colonies which was announced with such a flourish of trumpets during the Toronto Elections will not be forged for the present. The colonial office pulled the postmaster-general up sharply by informing him that this matter is not of a purely domestic character which Mulock wished it to be. Hence the proposed reduction is indefinitely posponed. Following is the official communication on the subject?—"It seems that with a view to securing the reduction of postage from Great Britain and other British posessions on mail matter to Canada it is expedient to bring into force on the first of January next, an intended reduction from five cents per half ounce to three cents per ounce on letters from Canada to Great Britain and the rest of the empire. The imperial authorities prefer that a conference be first held to secure a reciprocal reduction of postage both ways between Canada and the rest of the empire and which it is hoped will cover not only letters but also papers and periodicals. The hearty acquiescence of the British and colonial postage authorities in this larger question is looked for and the outcome of the discussions and the negotiations will in all probability result in the establishment of a British imperial preferential postal arrangement covering the whole field of postal communication." There is great disappointment in ministerial circles over the amount of the award of the Behring Sea commissioners. At the very least it was thought the sum of $700,000 or $750,000 would be obtained, but instead of that it looks as thou the commisioners had taken the sum mutually agreed upon between the States and Canada two years ago, namely $425,000 and added interest to it and made this award. Sir Louis Davies speaking to correspondent said he assumed that the two commissions were animated with a desire to close up the matter as speedily as possible and that they considered it better in the interests of both countries to compromise in order to secure a prompt settlement, rather than to accept the alternative proposition as provided by the treaty and allow the final decision to be made by an umpire to be chosen by the president of the Swiss confederation.

DROPSY CURED WITH ONE BOTTLE.

A great cure and a great testimony. "For ten years I suffered greatly from Heart Disease, Fluttering of the Heart and Smothering Spells, made my life a torment. I was confined to my bed. Dropsy set in. My physician told me to prepare for the worst. I tried Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart—One dose gave me great relief, one bottle cured the Dropsy and my heart."—Mrs James Adams, Syracuse, N. Y.—Sold by Geo. E. Hughes.

THOSE WHO ENDURE

The pains of rheumatism should be reminded that a cure for this disease may be found in Hood's Sarsaparilla. The experience of those who have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla for rheumatism, and have been completely and permanently cured, prove the power of this medicine to rout and conquer this disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier and it neutralizes the acid which causes the aches and pains of rheumatism. This is why it absolutely cures when liniments and other outward applications fail to give permanent relief. Be sure to get Hood's.

THIS TELLS WHERE HEALTH MAY BE FOUND.

And that is more important than making money. If your blood is impure, Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine for you. It cures scrofula, salt rheum, rheumatism, catarrh and all other diseases originating in or promoted by impure blood and low state of the system.

HOOD'S PILLS are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, headache.

LOOK OUT FOR THE ENGINE.

We mean your heart. Keep it strong. Don't let it flutter or beat with a weak stroke. Scott's Emulsion feeds the blood, it makes the heart beat stronger, and greatly improves the circulation. [2wks

DIED.

At her home, Bishop St. on Dec. 24th, Gertie Walker, eldest and dearly beloved daughter of Angus and Lizzie Walker in the 22nd year of her age. R. I. P.

At Orwell Cove, on Saturday, the 19th inst., after an illness of some months, Katie E. McDonald, youngest and dearly beloved daughter of Alexander D. McDonald, in the 27th year of her age, leaving a father, three brothers and three sisters to mourn the loss of a kind and loving sister and an obedient daughter. R. I. P.

At Kinkora, on the 11th inst., Thomas Shreenan, in the 74th year of his age, leaving a wife, four sons and four daughters. R. I. P.

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The Oldest Dry Goods Store in Charlottetown.

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We buy large quantities,
We are large wholesalers,
We are large retailers,
We sell large quantities,
We buy direct from the manufacturers.
We save Middlemen's profits,
We sell honest goods at honest prices,
We treat our customers right,
We buy cheap and sell cheap.

Farmers, come and see our goods whether you want to buy or not. THE ABOVE are a few reasons why you should trade with Weeks & Co. Below you will find a few

PRICE REASONS:

Window Shade and Spring Roller complete, worth **30c.** at **19c.**

Heavy Feather Ticking, good as you want for **15c.**, worth **22c.**

Men's Underclothing per suit, **39c.**, Heavy All Wool Ribbed Linder or Drawers, a good line worth **55c.**, at **40c.**

Heavy Knit Shirts, job line, worth 74c., at 50c. each.

Ladies' Heavy Linders, worth 24c., at 18c.

Ladies' Corsets, bankrupt, all prices.

Ladies' Bankrupt Capes, Jackets and Cloaks, clearing all at **$1.00** each.

Thirty Ladies' Gossamers, Tweed patterns,. We sold them as high as **$7.50**; while they last **$2.00** takes them

$2.75 will buy a Ladies' Heavy Jacket, new and stylish, should sell at **$3.50**. A better one goes at **$3.95**, worth **$5.25**.

We have 15 Men's bankrupt Fur Coats, in Black, Goat, Wombat and Coon, going cheap. A good Fur Coat for $8.50, regular price $15.00.

Ladies' Astrakan Jackets, regular price **$27.50**. We have still a few left, **$18.00** takes them.

Ladies' Fur Setts—Nice Collar and Muff for **$2.70**, worth **$4.10**. All kinds of other Furs. We have one of the best Fur stocks in the city.

STORE FULL OF BARGAINS.

CLOTHING.

Men's Reefers and Overcoats.

About 50 Garments from Gass & Co's Bankrupt Stock. If you can get a size you can buy them for about half regular price. A few for Boys' and Youths'. Overcoats and Reefers only. All the Suits were sold last spring.

Farmers, buy your Dry Goods from

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The Peoples' Store.

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The P. E. I. Commercial College

Gives a Thorough Training in Actual Business, Book-keeping, Arithmetic, Penmanship, Shorthand, Typewriting, Commercial Law, Business Correspondence and Composition.

Same Branches taught in NIGHT SCHOOL as in DAY SCHOOL. Rates much reduced. Send for Prospectus.

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(Graduate of Montreal Business College)
Principal and Proprietor.

P. O. Box 242, over Bank of Nova Scotia, Queen Square, Ch'town, Dec, 29, '97—2m

NOTICE

Is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session by The Central Canada Loan and Savings Company of Ontario for an Act to enable the said Company to carry on business anywhere in the Dominion of Canada, and to consolidate, define and declare its liabilities, obligations and powers.

Dated at Toronto, Dec. 1st, 1897.

E. T. MALONE,
Solicitor for Applicant.

Dec. 22, 1897—9i

Stray Heifer.

There has been on the subscribers premises since the 25th day of November last, a stray heifer one year and a half old. She is of a red color without any marks. If not claimed by the 25th day of January next, she will be sold to pay expenses.

ANGUS McPHEE,
St Margaret's.

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THE RIGHT GOODS
AT THE RIGHT PRICES
IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Explain Why We are so Busy.

Our large store has grown too small for the Christmas rush, We have made it bigger for this season by building a three story annex, which will increase the size more than one half. This will be opened in a few days,

Santa Claus' Headquarters

are filling up with a great stock of

Toys,
Dolls,
Fancy Goods,
Christmas Cards
and Novelties.

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THE BUSY BOOKSTORE,

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—AND—

NEW YEAR'S.

Everything Going Cheap

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Special Discounts until New Years.

Bargains in Clothing,
Bargains in Underclothing,
Bargains in Men's & Boys' Caps,
Bargains in Gloves and Mitts,
Bargains in Collars and Ties,
Bargains in Boots and Rubbers,
Bargains in Felts and Rubbers.

Come everyone and take advantage of our Christmas and New Year's Special Low Prices at

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Holiday

Worth, Beauty and Economy.

The wisest giver is he who keeps in mind both present pleasure and future usefulness. This store is the Mecca of the wise giver. Here he finds use and beauty combined—and at prices that mean money-saving. We are ready for this holiday season with a large assortment of fine Furniture. What could be more useful and give more pleasure than an article of Furniture? Every day is a Bargain Day until the end of the year. Store open every evening.

Mark Wright & Co., Ltd.

THE HOME MAKERS.

A Christmas Present

Fit for a Queen.

One of those beautiful, new and elegant Cobbler Seat Rockers and inlaid with Pearl—or one of those beautiful Reed Rockers in Forest Green Finish, ranging in price from $2.25 to $15.00 each.

Mark Wright & Co., Ltd.

THE HOME MAKERS.

Mortgage Sale.

TO be sold by public Auction on Wednesday, the Nineteenth day of January, A. D. 1898, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, in front of the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the seventh day of November, A. D. 1887, and made between George Harper, of Tignish, Lot or Township Number One, in Prince County, in Prince Edward Island, farmer, and Rebecca Harper, his wife, of the one part, and Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien of the other part; and also by virtue of a power of sale contained in another Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the twenty-seventh day of February, A. D. 1886, and made between the said George Harper and Rebecca Harper, his wife, and Mary Harper of the same place, widow of the late William Harper and mother of the said George Harper on the one part and Credit Foncier Franco Canadien of the other part.

All that piece or parcel of land situate lying and being on Lot or Township Number One, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows that is to say:—Commencing on the west side of the Great Western Road at the angle formed by its junction with a reserved road leading therefrom westwardly known as the Harper's Road; thence following the Great Western Road northeastwardly the distance of twenty-six chains; thence west thirty-two chains; thence north twenty-nine degrees east thirty-six chains; thence south forty-five degrees west sixty-five chains; thence west nine chains; thence south forty-five degrees west seven chains and fifty links to the reserved road, aforesaid; thence east along the said road to the place of commencement, saving and excepting thereout and therefrom all that tract, piece or parcel of land commencing on thesouthern side of the Mill Pond, at a stake fixed about three chains west from the southern end of the mill dam; thence running southwesterly parallel to the general course of the mill dam one chain and sixty links or to a stake there fixed; thence east (crossing the mill road) six chains and fifty links to a stake fixed as the southeastern angle; thence northeasterly parallel with the mill dam aforesaid ten chains and fifty links to a stake fixed as the northeastern angle; thence west six chains to a stake fixed as the northwestern angle; thence southwesterly to a stake fixed on the northern margin of the mill pond; thence easterly along the same to the dam; thence southerly along the dam and westerly along the southern margin of the pond to the stake at the place of commencement, containing four acres and two roods of land, a little more or less, also free access to said mill pond and the uninterrupted use of the water of the said mill pond for all the purposes connected with said mills now on said land and the right to maintain and raise the same to the level heretofore, accustomed to be raised for the purpose of working the said mills, the said above described piece of land excepting the reservation therefrom, as aforesaid, containing about one hundred and nineteen acres of land, a little more or less.

If the said property is not sold at the time and place aforesaid the same will thereafter be sold by private sale.

For further particulars apply at the office of Æneas A. McDonald, Solicitor, Charlottetown.

Dated this fourteenth day of December, A. D. 1897.

CREDIT FONCIER FRANCO-CANADIEN,
Mortgagees.

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ANXIOUS MOTHERS find DR. LOW'S WORM SYRUP the best medicine to expel worms. Children like it--worms don't.

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New Books,
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