P. E. ISLAND.

Thirty third Annual Session of the L. O. A. Grand Lodge.

Recent Deaths — Election of Officers — A Young Girl Meets With a Severe Accident by Fire—General News.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 24.—On Friday John Whear died in this city aged 74 years. He was a native of Cornwall, England, and came to the Island when 18 years of age. He was for manyy ears a notable builder and contractor, but has lived for several years in retirement. He was a consistent member of the First Methodist church. His funeral, to Sherwood Cemetery, on Saturday, was largely attended. Three daughters and three sons survive him. Mrs. Whear died a little ovr a year ago.

Richard Jamieson, of Sturgeon, Lot 61, has graduated from the P. E. I. Commercial College.

A pork curing and packing Co. has been organized in Summerside, with A. C. Rogers, president; J. M. Clark, secretary, and William Andrew and Edwin Darby directors.

The report that Messrs. Acorn, of Souris, were going to try their fortunes out west is not correct. Mr. Acorn says he is going to continue his successful business in that eastern town.

Crapaud reports the death, on the 15th inst., of the widow of the late Dr. Potts, aged 76 years. William and Thomas Rogerson are brothers of deceased.

On Saturday evening Christian Younker died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Cook, aged 91 years. He was a highly respected citizen, and lived for many years on the North River. He was of German extraction, and his father came to this country over 100 years ago. Mr. Younkeh was a member of Grace church, this city, and lived an exemplary life.

Hazelbrook Brook Baptist church took up a thank offering about two weeks past, amounting to $75.12 for local church purposes.

Miss Mamie McLeod has gone on a six weeks trip to New York.

At the Queens County L. O. L. annual meeting, held at Milton hall on the 7th inst., officers for the year were elected as follows: W. C. Master, John Deamond; C. D. master, Murdock N. McLeod; C. chaplain, Nathaniel Pearson; C. sec. Wellington Mathews; C. treas., Samuel Sherron; C. D. of C., John Crabbe; C. lecturer, James Coles; C. D. lecturer, Neil Nicholson.

In St. Joseph's church, Kelly's Cross, on St. Valentine's Day, Patrick McKenna and Miss Mary Ellen Trainor, daughter of Edward Trainor, were married by the Rev. D. B. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor, of this city, celebrated their golden wedding on the 20th inst.

On the 15th inst., at St. Mary's church, Indian River, the Very Rev. Mgr. Gillis united in marriage John Roberts, of Middleton, and Miss Eva Francis Mullin, daughter of Peter Mullin, of Kensington.

Mrs. Joseph Perry, relict of the late Joseph Perry, and a much respected citizen, died ,aged 69, on Tuesday after a brief illness from pneumonia. Her three sons reside in the states.

At the residence of Henry Murray, Pleasant Valley, Lot 21, on the 15th inst., the Rev. Henry Pierce united in wedlock Kentford Waite, of Wilmot Valley, and Miss Mary Alice, daughter of the late George Knipe. Fred McCallum, of Bedeque, supported the groom and the sister of the groom attended the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. O. Morson, of this city, are having a seige of trouble; last Friday they buried an infant son, and now their only surviving son, Arthur Ormoby, has died in his seventh year.

Last week one of our undertakers had thirteen funerals to attend.

Maggie McDougall, aged 14, was severely burned on Monday at the residence of Mr. E. T. Carbonell. She was handling some clothes near the stove when a light fabric took fire, and in her attempt to put it out by stamping on it, her own clothes caught and she was burnt about the body.

Malcolm L. Macphee, of Heatherdale, and Miss Elizabeth Ann Macpherson, of Brooklyn, Lot 61, were married on the 15th inst., by the Rev. Rod'k McLean, at the residence of John Macpherson, Brooklyn.

The death of Miss Annie A. Dystant, at Ellerslie, took place on Tuesday, in her 24th year. She was a sister of the Rev. John Dystant, of Kingsclear, N. B., and was very much beloved.

John Cairns, a highly respected citizen of Fredericton, died, in his 57th year, on Saturday. He was a prominent and faithful member of the Presbyterian church. He leaves a wife, two sons and seven daughters to mourn his demise.

William Praught was buried on Tuesday. His remains, after being taken to St. Dunstan's Cathedral, were carried to Vernon River, R. C. cemetery for interment. He had reacehd the great age of 90 years.

The thirty-eighth annual session of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of P. E. Island met here on the 21st inst. A large delegation was present. Reports showed the order in a healthy condition on the Island. It was decided to hold the annual tea and demonstration this summer with Prince Arthur Lodge Crapaud. It was recommended to hold a demonstration in 1900, devoting the proceeds toward the fund of the new P. E. I. hospital. The officers for the year were elected at th eevening session: R. W. G. M., Murdoch McLeod; Dep. G. M., Norman J. McPherson; Jr. D. G. M., James McGregor; G. Chap., Murdoch McLeod (Long Creek); G. Rec. Sec'y, A. Beaton; G. Treas, Joseph Wise, M. P. P.; G. Dir. of ceremonies, Norman J. McLellan; G. Lecturer, James Cole; Dep. G. Lecturer for Kings Co., Wm. Nicholson; Dep. Grand Lec. for Prince Co, A. A. McCaul; Auditor, Duncan Mceill and O. B. Wadman; Dep. Rec. Sec'y, R. K. Brace. The next meeting of the R. W. G. L. will meet in Summerside the third Tuesday in February, 1900.

The funeral of the tlate Wm. D. Hyde, son of Joseph Hyde, of Cornwall, took place on Tuesday, at West River. This young man was accidently killed in Maine. About the 5th of Feb. the corpse was forwarded to P. E. I., but owing to the detention of the Stanley in the ice the remains had to be transferred from Pictou to the Capes route, and did not reach here until Monday, the 20th. The funeral was largely attended.

Pownal Sporting Club met on the 20th inst. and elected officers for the year.

The contract for building the wing to St. Dunstans College has been awarded to James Gormley, Edward Duffy and others. Seven tenders were entered and the lowest was accepted, for a total amount of $13,790.

LAURA SECORD'S WARNING.

(Educational Review.)

At a place called Beechwoods, about twelve miles from Queenston, was a depot for provisions for the Canadian troops, guarded by a detachment of thirty of the 49th regiment under Lieut. Fitzgibbon with some Indians and militia, in all about 200. In order to surprise and dislodge this outpost an American force of 500 men set ut from Fort George, June 23rd 1813. Laura Secord, wife of a Canadian farmer who had been wounded in the battle of Queenston Heights, determined to give the outpost warning. She set out alone before daybreak June 23rd, and arrived at Fitzgibbon's headquarters at sunset of the same day. On account of American sentries she had to avoid the high roads, to find her way through pathless woods and cross unbridged streams. Her warning came just in time. Lieut. Fitzgibbon placed his little force in ambush on both sides of the road. The Americans were received by a volley from theh woods. Imagining themselves in the presence of a much superior force, they surrendered. By the capitulation 542 men, two field pieces and the colors of the 14th U. S. regiment were delivered over to the Canadians.—From Bourinot's notes to "Canada's Intellectual Strength and Weakness."

[The author of this stirring ballad is a sister of Miss F. E. Murray of St. John, a lady who has been a frequent contributor to the Review in the past. Dr. Bourinot writes her: "The ballad is full of spirit, and ought to be very effective when recited. * * * Of all the poems on this well known incident your sister's poems seem to me in every respect conceived with the most thorough comprehension of the heroism of the brave woman and of the perils of the journey."]

LAURA SECORD'S JOURNEY.

A Ballad of the War of 1812.

"Wake, Laura! Laura! wake, arise;"
Close shuts the darkness round the bed;
She starts, she struggles with her dream,
"What moved?" she thinks, "What spoke?
Who said?"
The pitch black night is on the wane,
A faint gray shows the window pane,
There is a deed that must be done,
There is achievement to be won,
A path to thread, a word to say,
Ere night again shall capture day.

Oh! woman's heart, the brave, the true,
Well used to keeping watch and ward.
Unceasing, be it grief or pain,
The loved with loyal faith to guard,
Even in sleep, feels danger near,
Even in sleep, holds close and dear
Home, duty, country, all in one;
As she who wakes ere dawn's begun
To face the danger, bear the strain,
To dare, to suffer, to attain.

Slip softly out. A whispered word
Hushes the watchdog's sudden bark,
Unlatch the gate, steal past the wall,
Was that a whisper in the dark?
With close shut lips and quiet face,
With courage of the British race,
With steady step that will not swerve,
With deep, long breath, and dauntless nerve,
Across the meadow, down the hill,
Laura Secord is hastening still.

Fair dawns the light in opal skies,
The radiant Canadian morn
With all its matchless, sparkling hues,
And spruce scents on the fresh winds borne,
The silver daisies' multitude
Upon her hurrying feet intrude,
And all the blue bells sway and swing
Their tiny bells in welcoming;
While from the elm tree's topmost spray
A robin pours his roundelay.

Turn from the highway, turn aside!
The road's besieged, the foe is near,
The signal call, the rifle's ring,
The trampling of the steed is there.
Turn to the wilderness aside,
Let the great sun be trusty guide;
Climb fallen trees, o'er green morass,
Swift let the sinking footsteps pass.
Glided a snake athwart the moss?
Howled a wild beast the mere across?
Whizzed there a bullet through the air?
Steadfast she goes to do and dare.

In this one woman's hand is held
The fate of hundreds, strong and true.
Betrayed, outnumbered, shall they fall
Unwarned, before the foeman's crew?
And shall the glorious, honored cross,
Go down in strange dismay and loss,
Banner for which our heroes died,
For centuries our nation's pride,
Go down in shamed defeat, a prey
To the striped flag of yesterday?

Glistens a river, far awest,
The bridge lies, rifle guarded well,
How deep the sullen water runs,
How steep the bank,—she canont tell.
Step in, brave feet. Not men alone
With lives unwritten, names unknown,
Can face grim death at duty's call,
Can win a laurel for their pall,
Can die unthanked, unpraised, unseen;
Women have learnt this art, I ween.

Knee high, waist high the water came,
It touched her shoulder, kissed her lip.
Stand steady on the oozy slime,
Heart must not fail, nor footsteps slip.
The bank in gained with westering sun,
Haste, Laura, haste; 'tis almost won!
With bleeding feet, lips parched and dry
She sees the pink flushed sunset sky.
And drags her weary steps, at last,
Into the road, the peril is passed.

Ho! for the Red Cross! There it floats
In Canada's own loyal breeze.
The scarlet lines wind in and out
Under the shade of mighty trees.
The drum roll that encircles all
The round earth with its evening call,
Greets her as fainting, panting, weak
The warning words she strives to speak.
To action swift the hearers sprang,
And terse and clear the orders rang.

And so tomorrow saw the ranks,
Canadian, English, Indian close
And snatch a victory from defeat
To humble Britain's haughty foes.
And long, and long, and long again,
O'er fair Canadian hill and plain,
O'er mighty river, silver lake,
May countless dawns in beauty break;
And still the great Cross banner see
Guarded with loving loyalty.

Sleep, Laura Secord, resting well,
Serenely pillowed 'neath the grass,
Tender and reverent be the steps
That by thy green grave pause and pass.
The while across the ages long,
Oh faint, oh far, sweeps down a song,
From graves of heroes of our race,
From many an honored resting place;
"Numbered with us, on glory's roll,
Be this Canadian dauntless soul."

—ELLEN MURRAY.

In Emperor William's breakfast menu salt bun is a standing order. It is a small, white loaf of bread, the top of which is covered with salt.

Children Cry for
CASTORIA.

FOR MURDER.

Roland B. Molineux Indicted by Grand Jurv Wednesday.

He is Charged With Causing the Death of Mrs. Kate J. Adams.

The Latest Move Made in the Celebrated New York Poisoning Case.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Roland B. Molineux was today indicted by the grand jury for murder in the first degree in causing the death of Mrs. Kate J. Adams. Nothing was said in the indictment regarding the death of Henry C. Barnet, the responsibility for whose death has also been attributed to Molineux by the district attorney.

The next development in the case is likely to be the trial.

The indictment found today was secured despite the strenuous efforts of counsel for Molineux. They made many attempts to have a hearing of the case before Coroner Hart, the committing magistrate, but were defeated at the instance of the district attorney's office. Had the hearing before the attorney been held prior to the indictment, the state would have been forced to disclose much of its evidence and to allow the defence to introduce evidence in rebuttal. The finding of the indictment does away with a hearing before the coroner, and there will be small chance of Malineux's counsel to take any steps in his behalf until the case actually comes to trial.

The district attorney is said to have in his possession evidence that was not offered at the inquest, but this is only hearsay. The defence also has strong evidence in rebuttal and confidently asserts that no conviction can be secured.

The indictment contained four counts, first, that Roland B. Molineux sent poison through the mails to kill and which did kill Mrs. Katherine J. Adams; second, that Molineux sent through the mails a poison for the purpose of killing some unknown person; third, that Molineux sent through the mails cyanide of mercury with intent to kill; fourth, that Molineux sent an unkcown poison to kill some unknown person.

The witnesses upon whose evidence the grand jury based the indictment were Coroner's Physician Albert E. Weston, to prove death; Prof. R. A. Witthaus to prove the cause of death; H. S. Cornish, to prove receipt of the poison package and the motive for sending it; Nicholas Heckman, to identify Molineux as the renter of the letter box in 42nd street, and experts Wm. J. Kinsley, Col. Hay, Persifor Fraser and Henry L. Tolman to prove that Molineux's hand addressed the poison package to H. S. Cornish.

The indictment was filed with Recorder Goff, in part one of general sessions. When the grand jury reported there was no sensation and no scene. Foreman O'Brien handed the clerk a number of bills. District Attorney Gardiner and Assistants Unger and Osborne were in the court. District Attorney Gardiner had a long talk with Recorder Goff.

The case of Molineux was placed on the calender for pleading and he will be arraigned before Recorder Goff tomorrow. He will then probably be remanded to the Tombs without bail.

AMERICA'S GREATEST CONCERT.

Nearly Seventeen Hundred Instrumentalists and Over Seventeen Thousand Singers.

"The great orchestra was one of the marvels of the World's Peace Jubilee, held in Boston in 1872, and as a distinguishing feature was second only to the mammoth chorus," writes Luther L. Holden in The Most Wonderful Musical Festival in America, in the March Ladies' Home Journal. "The great body of players was no mere aggregation of numbers, but a carefully organized force of picked musicians from all parts of the country. The orchestra was augmented by brass bands in certain pieces, when artillery was added for really 'stunning' effects, as, for example, when The Star-Spangled Banner was brought out with full musical force, or in the Anvil Chorus, from Verdi's Il Trovatore, which had an auxiliary force of fifty anvils, beaten by twice that number of Boston firemen. A great organ was built expressly for the festival.

"There were four foreign bands, the crack musical organizations of their respective countries, and the musical glory of America was upheld by the Marine Band of Washington and twenty-eight other brass band organizations. Thus there were, counting both foreign and American bands, eight hundred and sixty instrumentalists who were independent of the grand orchestra, except that some of the American players also assisted in the latter force. The orchestra proper numbered eight hundred and twenty-nine players. In the grand chorus, as it was finally mustered for the jubilee concerts, a hundred and sixty-five choral organiaztions were represented, and the total number of voices was seventeen thousand two hundred and eighty-two. The solo singers numbered one hundred and ninety-nine, and they included the most famous vocalists of the day. For the three weeks the total attendance was 476,000, upon three occasions the audience numbering fifty thousand. The total receipts were $1,076,000, which was about $150,000 less than the aggregate expenses."

FREAK'S HUSBAND OBJECTS.

A curious divorce case is about to be tried in Emporia, Kansas. John W. Gorman sues his wife, alleging as a cause that she persists in exhibiting herself as a freak over th ecountry. Mrs. Gorman has the most remarkable head of hair that ever grew on a Kansas woman. It is wavy and lustrous and sweeps the floor. While at the World's Fair she was considered a wonder, and the showmen got after her with propositions to exhibit herself. Mr. Gorman objects to his wife travelling about the country for this purpose, and hence the suit.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BUFFALOES AND DEPARTED SOULS.

The Todas who live in the vicinity of Ootacamund have one great ambition, and that is—the slaughter of buffaloes. This slaughter, which is done annually, is intended for the benefit of the souls of departed ancestors. Formerly each dead Toda required a couple of buffaloes to be sacrificed for the benefit of his soul, but Government has stopped this wholesale slaughter, and naturally the Toda is dissatisfied. Of course he opposed this order in a constitutional way, but Government declined to yield, and when last month the season of sacrifice arrived, it took steps to see that the order was carried out. Now the order authorizes the slaughter of two buffaloes, not per man, but per each place of slaughter. Accordingly the Todas have increased the number of places of slaughter, so as to let the soul of every dead Toda have the customary sacrifice of two buffaloes. So even the best concocted plans of Government often miscarry. The order has not diminished the slaughter of buffaloes, but has merely increased the number of places of slaughter, and thus made, what was bad enough already, a good deal worse.—India Daily News.

THE STOCK BREEDERS.

Annual Meeting of the Maritime Association at Sussex.

The Members Entertained at Dinner at Queen Hotel by Major Campbell.

SUSSEX, March 1.—The Maritime Stock Breeders' association met in annual session here this afternoon. The session was held in the lecture room of the splendid new provincial dairy school building. President E. B. Elderkin of Amherst presided, and there were present among others Col. Blair, C. W. Holmes, W. W. Black, Fred S. Black, Amherst; B. W. Chipman, secretary for agriculture, Halifax; F. L. Fuller and C. A. Archibald, Truro; B. M. Fawcett and Geo. A. Fawcett, Sackville; Chas. A. Everett, St. John; John F. Frost, Hampton, and a large attendance of local stock men.

The president and secretary presented their reports, followed by a stirring address from Col. Wm. Blair.

C. A. Archibald gave a short report of the annual meeting of the Dominion Short Horn Breeders' association, which he had attended when in Toronto.

A discussion followed upon the unjust discrimination on railway freights upon stock shipped over the I. C. R.

At the evening session Major H. Montgomery Campbell, president of the Sussex and Studholm agricultural society, in a neat address welcomed the association to the town of Sussex and Kings county.

B. W. Chipman made an appropriate reply.

C. A. Everett was next called on, and gave an eloquent and stirring address in setting forth the aims of our exhibitions in the development of our stock raising and other industries.

B. W. Chipman followed with an able address upon the development of the agriculture of the maritime provinces through intelligent stock raising. Personally he believed that Jersey cows were the acme of intelligent breeding, and he quoted facts and figures to prove his position. This address provoked a warm discussion on the relative merits of the different breeds.

Hon. C. H. Labillois was on the programme for an address, and W. W. Hubbard conveyed that gentleman's regrets at his detention in Fredericton upon important business.

At the adjournment of the evening session all the visiting members and a number of local gentlemen were entertained at supper at the Queen hotel by Major Campbell. Twenty-six guests sat down to a sumptuous repast, and a lengthy toast list brought out many patriotic speeches and sallies of wit.

The toast of the press was responded to by Judge Wallace of the St. John Sun and W. W. Hubbard of the Co-Operative Farmer.

A hearty vote of thanks was given mine host Doherty and his lady for the excellence of the supper, and the gathering dispersed with three cheers and a tiger for Major Campbell and the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

THE GREAT "AMEN" QUESTION.

By a vote of the church members at Moriah, Camalvon, a curious dispute was on Tuesday evening settled. With the introduction of the new hymn and tune book of the connexion a few weeks ago, there was also initiated the practice, which is not very general in Nonconformist places of worship, of singing the "Amen" at the conclusion of each hymn. Several members of the congregation disapproved of the innovation, and by way of protest resumed their seats at the close of the hymn proper. Feeling on the matter became so acute that the pastor decided to take the voice of the church on Tuesday evening, when there was present a large attendance of church members. The result was the defeat of the supporters of the "Amen" by an overwhelming majority. The voting resulted as follows:—In favour of the "Amen," forty-six; against, eighty-six.—North Wales Observer.

The salt contained in pure, fresh fruits is beneficial to the system. The scarcity of fresh fruits in the winter time is often a cause of serious illness. The basis of ABBEY'S EFFERVESCENT SALT is the salt extracted from the juices of fresh fruits. It keeps you in excellent health the year 'round.

All druggists sell this standard English preparation at 60c a large bottle; trial size, 25c.

JOSEPH H. CHOATE,

United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James,

Cordially Welcomed by the Southampton Chamber of Commerce—His Eloquent Response.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 1.—The U. S. ambassador to the Court of St. James, Joseph H. Choate, arrived here at 4 o'clock this afternoon on board the American line steamer St. Paul, from New York. She was boarded by the mayor and sheriff, who welcomed the ambassador in behalf of the corporation. Mr. Choate was met by Lieut. J. C. Colwell, the U. S. naval atache, instead of by Henry White, the U. S. charge d'affaires, who is attending the drawing room at Buckingham Palace, London.

The president of the Southampton Chamber of Commerce presented the new ambassador with an address, tendering him the most cordial welcome and saying:

"Your arrival in the magnificent St. Paul, which recently did such signal service in your navy, gives unique interest to the occasion, and forcibly reminds us of the ever increasing facilities afforded the commerce of the two countries and the cordiality and friendship whereby we recognize that your nation is akin to us in common ancestry, language and pursuits."

In reply Mr. Choate said in part:

"The ports of New York and Southampton are now closely united by the great steamships plying between them like the shuttles and weaves of a loom, connecting them by imperishable bonds. This mutual commerce interchange and travel will do more to strengthen the ties which already unite the two countries than anything else can do.

"If the men and women of your country could visit my country as freely as ours do yours, the good understanding which now exists would never fail.

"Southampton has a special significance for Americans, as it was the point of departure of the Mayflower on the historic voyage which was to end in planting a new nation. It proved to be the first great departure of the English race from their island home and island life. They went to take possession of the continent waiting to be subdued and replenished. The God in whom they trusted prospered the good work. They carried with them the English Bible, common law, the idea of representative government and liberty of the individual. Springing from this stock, a republic of seventy millions, allied in blood, institutions, interests and hopes of the future, stretches across the Atlantic the right hand of fellowship, and is ready to meet the mother country more than half way in everything which will tend to promote the common good of the two nations and the general welfare of mankind.

"The Mayflower of 1620 and the St. Paul of today furnishes a symbol of the marvellous change which time has wrought. The crazy little bark of 180 tons, bearing beneath her deck the fortunes of a race, putting in for repairs at Dartmouth and Plymouth, hardly strong enough to hold together across the Atlantic, landed her hundred heroes and heroines, after more than four months, on a rock which was to be the corner stone of American freedom. Today, the representative of their descendants traverses the same seas in a single week, in a mighty cruiser just converted from a swift engine of war to a welcome messenger of peace, herself an emblem of that sea power upon which the destinies of the Anglo-Saxon race depend.

"As I go to present my letter of credence from the president to your illustrious sovereign, who after more than sixty years still reigns supreme over the hearts of her subjects and commands the affectionate admiration of my own country as their ever-steadfast and faithful friend, I accept your cordial greeting as the harbinger of that practical friendship which is henceforth to control and govern the conduct of the two nations."

A crowd of people numbering several thousands awaited the arrival of the U. S. ambassador ,the stars and stripes were displayed on many buildings, and immediately after the arrival of the St. Paul she was boarded by a delegation of two hundred of the principal citizens of Southampton. They were introduced to the ambassador in the dining saloon by Lieut. Carter, where the addresses were delivered. All Mr. Choate's references to the friendship existing between the two nations were loudly applauded, as was a graceful tribute which he paid to Queen Victoria during the course of his reply to the mayor.

LONDON, March 1.—The U. S. ambassador, Joseph Choate ,and Mrs. Choate, members of the U. S. embassy, and Addison Charris of Indiana, the new U. S. ambassador to Austro-Hungary, arrived here this evening by special boat train from Southampton. They were met at Waterloo railroad station by the U. S. charge d'affaires, Henry White, and by other Americans. There was no formality in the welcome extended to Mr. Choate at the station.

Mr. and Mrs. Choate were driven to Claridge's hotel, where they will remain until their London residence is ready for occupation.

MR. CHOATE'S HUMOR.

Chaffed a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Party in New York.

(Yorkshire, Eng., Post.)

It is recalled of Mr. Choate, the new American ambassador, that one of his heaviest sarcasms was blandly uttered at a St. Patrick's day dinner in New York six years ago. He had the courage to chaff the Irish population of America quite mercilessly. With an air of perfect seriousness, he first sketched the position of Irishmen in United States politics, and so proceeded as follows, exhorting them to greater achievements:

But, gentlemen, now that you have done so much for America—now that you have made it all your own—what do you propose to do for poor, downtrodden, oppressed Ireland? There is a cure for Ireland's woes and feebleness today. It is a strong measure that I advocate. I propose that you shall all, with your wives and your children and your children's children, with the spoils you have taken from America in your hands, set your faces homeward, land there, and strike the blow! Think what it would mean for both countries. Then, indeed, would Ireland be for Irishmen and America for Americans. As you landed, the grand old man would come down to receive you with paeans of assured victory. As you departed, the republicans would go down to see you off and to bid you a joyful farewell. Think of the song you could raise: "We are coming, Father Gladstone, 15,000 strong!" It would be a terrible blow to us. It would take us a great while to recover. Feebly, imperfectly, we should look about us and learn for the first time in seventy-five years how to govern New York without you. But there would be a bond of brotherhood between the two nations. Up from the whole soil of Ireland, up from the whole soil of America, would rise one paean—"Erin go bragh!"

This, as may be imagined, was a speech that caused some commotion. Mr. Chotes friends told him after it that he need not aspire to any political office, but it seems that he had not thought of doing so. It must not be supposed, however, that Mr. Choate is a bitter man. He owes the gift of sarcasm to his humor; and the true quality of this appears in a story of his domestic life. "If you were not Mr. Choate," some one asked him once "who would you rather be?" "Mrs. Choate's second husband," he promptly answered.

CAPT. PERKINS' RETIREMENT.

Capt. J. D. Perkins has resigned his commission in the 71st battalion, and command of No. 7 company has been temporarily taken over by Lieutant and Adjutant W. S. Fisher. Captain Perkins is an old time militiaman, having been connected with the force for upwards of 33 years. He saw active service at St. Andrews during the Fenian troubles of 1866, and is, therefore, entitled to the Fenian service medal. Capt. Perkins took a great interest in rifle shooting and in his younger days was considered one of the very best marksmen in the province. He was twice a member of the Canadian Wimbledon team, and helped to win the Kolapore cup for Canada on one occasion. In the retirement of Capt. Perkins, the 71st battalion loses one of its oldest, most zealous and efficient officers. It is probable that Lieut. Harry F. McLeod will shortly succeed to the command of No. 7 company.—Fredericton Herald.

ENGLAND THROUGH FRENCH GLASSES.

The "press-gang," in vogue in France under Louis XIV., and suppressed by Colbert, still flourishes in England to this very day. The "press-gang" is the means used for recruiting the Royal Navy, is an organised service, and is officially recognised. The system consists in carrying off by force men capable of making sailors. Strategy and violence are all it costs. In times of war the sailors specially charged with this service patrol the streets of London, enter the taverns, and take possession of men they consider sufficiently strong. If the latter resist, cudgels are freely used, and finally knives are requisitioned in case of necessity. The prisoners are then carried aboard ship. By this means the recruiting of the British Navy is assured. It is true, that this is only done when the number of volunteers is too small.—Petit Journal, Paris.

HOPEWELL HILL NEWS.

HOPEWELL HILL, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Lawrence, relict of the late John R. Lawrence, passed away at an advanced age, a few days ago, at Hillsboro, where lately she has been residing. The deceased was a sister of the late Capt. Solomon Edgett, and lived for many years at Riverside, where her husband was a well-known trader in the earlier days. The funeral took place on Saturday at Albert, interment in the old cemetery.

A large number of teams are hauling logs to J. L. Peck's mill, which has been put into fine condition for the spring's sawing.

Considerable sickness prevails here and in the neighboring villages.

FREE LIBRARIES ON TRAINS.

In consequence of the great success which attended the eatsblishment of libraries in some of our railway trains, the directors of the Moscow-Koursh Railway have just organized a similar system on their line. In future the express trains from Moscow to Sebastopol will each be equipped with a library, placed in the dining-car, and at the disposal of the passengers gratis.—Gazette de St. Petersbourg."

DISEASED PORK SOLD IN HALIFAX.

(Chronicle, Feb. 28.)

The board of health is commencing to find out that it made no mistake when it appointed a meat inspector, and the members of the committee are wondering how the city did without such an important officer so long. At the meeting yesterday afternoon Inspector Henry exhibited to the board a piece of diseased pork. The condition of it was terrible, as in some portions of it the bone was eaten nearly away. It was cut up in chops and exposed for sale in a shop on Gottingen street when the inspector discovered it. The board will likely take proceedings against persons handling such stock as this, as it has the power to do so. The city medical officer reported that there were eight cases of scarlet fever and two cases of diphtheretic croup in the city during the past fortnight.

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR THE BOYS.

Some time ago I was puzzled to see that a book on "Conic Sections" was continually being issued, and that chiefly, to boys. I rejoiced at its popularity, but some time after sorrowfully found that it was due to the mistake of a single letter in the alphabetical catalogue. Two contiguous entries were:—

"Comic Readings, selected from American Authors."

"Comic Sections, by Charles Smith."

—A librarian in "The Library World."

DEATH OF W. A. SHORT.

A despatch to the Sun on Tuesday from Richibucto announced the death at his residence there, on Tuesday, after a lingering illness, of William A. Short, son of John Short of St. John. The deceased opened a drug store and grocery business in Richibucto over six years ago, and was very highly respected in the community. His wife died two years ago. Four children survive him.

INDIA'S TWO NEW BISHOPS.

The Queen has approved the appointment of the Rev. Henry Whitehead, head of the Bishops' College, Calcutta, to be Bishop of Madras in succession to Bishop Gell, who is resigning the office.

Also of the Rev. G. A. Lefroy, head of the Cambridge University Mission at Delhi, to be Bishop of Lahore, in succession to the late Bishop Matthew.

CZAR AND FINLAND.

CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 23.—There is great indignation among the Scandinavian governments at the Czar's efforts to Russianize the Duchy of Finland. The study of the Finnish and Swedish in ports of Russia has been forbidden and oppressive measures have been taken against the Lutherans in the Duchy. The Czar's orders have practically abrogated the Finnish constitution. As a protest against these measures Norway and Sweden are likely to refuse to take part in the Czar's peace conference.

Sir Sydney Waterlow, a former lord mayor of London, who married an American wife, is writing his memoirs. He is now 77 years of age.