

CHARLOTTETOWN.—In the lull following upon the excitement of the election, and in the quiet preceeding the busy and gay season of Easter, there seems to be little if any news to note from Charlottetown. The Irish people are celebrating the annual festival of their Patron Saint by a mass at the Roman Cathedral, a procession and a concert, but beyond the last named entertainment there is nothing public except one or two lectures.

The Rector of St. Paul's lectured a few nights ago before the Natural History Society upon "Plants and their Uses," and Mr. A. A. Bartlett repeated his lecture "Footsteps of Burns" in St. Paul's schoolroom as one of a course of lectures for the Sunday school library. Mr. R. R. Fitzgerald follows next Friday in "A Scrap from Early Canadian History."

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. Carvell invited about twenty of her personal friends to drink a cup of tea quietly with her at Government House. An informal little gathering, all the better for the informality.

Curling is almost at an end, but still the game goes on. On Monday last a further battle was waged in the series of games President vs. Vice-President. At the present writing the score stands one in favor of the Vice-President.

Dr John T. Jenkins is out in print with a card to the electors of the City of Charlottetown with a view to succeeding Mr. Blake, who resigned his seat to contest the county at the late general election. This is an independent move on the part of the doctor, who may yet find an opponent upon his own side of politics (hitherto Conservative) the choice of the representatives of the party. With the government barely in majority in the House, the coming local elections will probably be a desperate struggle for return to power as against remaining in power.

Mr. Vinnicombe announces a concert by his orchestral club in April.

Rev. Fred. E. J. Lloyd, conductor of the Philharmonic Society, has gone for a short visit to his father, Rev. Thomas Lloyd, of Port Mulgrave, N. S., who has spent several weeks upon the Island.

Miss Minnie Palmer has returned to Charlottetown from Biddeford, and will leave with John Richards for England early in April.

Mr. Justice Hensley, with Mrs. and Miss Hensley, have abandoned their intended visit to England for the present.

The Fan Drill practices continue. The young ladies have advanced so far as to use their fans with a great deal of grace and execution. The particulars of the play which is to be acted the same evening are jealously guarded by those who have the arranging of it, and the uncertainty about the final details of the costume to be worn at the Drill, is much too delicious to be done away with by settling the matter at once definitely.

A storm is raging as I write. Storms to you have no terror beyond their own unpleasantness. To us they mean delay of mails for days at a time, then a budget to be read, and newspapers full of ancient history.

The "Stanley" is crossing again, and voyagers have to face the alternative of the hardships of the ice boats, or a possible sojourn of weeks in the Straits. If all Canadians were Islanders, we would soon have the Tunnel. Ex-Senator Howlan has by no means abandoned his battle to give this to us, for, undaunted by his late defeat, I believe he is still actively prosecuting his endeavours to connect our isolated province with the mainland. We will then have Our Society on Saturday evening instead of Thursday or Friday of next week. This one consideration alone ought to win for us your indulgence, if we seem to be forever preaching about our present burning question.

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