



HARBOR GRACE, SEPTEMBER 10, 1872.

OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION.

ON to-morrow forenoon the exhibition will be opened in the Victoria Rink, St. John's, by his Excellency Governor HILL. The Governor, after being received at the entrance by the Rev. E. Borwood, (the Projector) and the General Committee, will proceed to the throne, when an address will be read to him. His Excellency's reply being given, the Exhibition will be opened, the assembly singing the National Anthem; the band in attendance taking up each verse as a refrain. It is pleasing to observe how thoroughly interesting this undertaking is likely to be. Many friends of the cause in this town, and in fact in the various districts in Conception Bay, have forwarded curiosities both ancient and modern; some from far away lands, bringing historical events to mind. We augur great success for this novelty amongst us, and trust that such collections as are now gathered together from far and near will be oftener before the public gaze.

By hand-bills issued from our office it will be seen that Mr. G. E. Wilson's Theatrical Company is at present in town. The great success they met with in St. John's, and the high eulogiums conferred upon them by the Press in general, is guarantee that the company is up to its work. To-night the thrilling drama of "The Rag Picker of Paris," will be performed, when we trust a good audience will be present to witness the various episodes of crime and honesty, the latter being triumphant. Many a moral lesson has been taught from the Stage with lasting beneficial results, and this soul-stirring play is one well calculated to impress upon young minds that honest perseverance can do more to make a man, than all crimes put together.

ON Friday afternoon last, a fire occurred at the residence of Mr. James Davis, situated on the road to Lady Pond. It appears that the fire originated through the medium of an overheated flue. The alarm was immediately given in town, when the Volunteer Fire Company with their usual promptitude endeavoured to reach the scene of danger; this was, however, found impracticable, owing to the impassability of the road with the "Medlock." Fortunately through the persevering efforts of several persons who happened to be near at the outbreak of the flames, the fire was finally got under. Great credit is due to them for the untiring energy displayed in saving the erection from what appeared inevitable destruction.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[FOR THE HARBOR GRACE STAR.]

FROGS.

We fancy we hear some of your readers exclaiming, "What tom-foolery is in hand now;" as if nothing interesting can be said of frogs. Any person who has stood near a marsh on a summer's eve and listened to the melody of these croaking songsters, will bear testimony to the truth that the sensations produced are pleasant and enjoyable. Frogs sing their songs in right good earnest. The master of ceremonies takes a prominent position with his head and shoulders out of water—his jaws wide apart and his lungs in full play. The first note of the leader starts the full choir, and so the stillness of solitude changes to numberless echoes. In former times superstition held these croaking minstrels to be spirits sent to warn of approaching danger, the nature of which was interpreted by the direction in which the sound travelled. If east, it signified death; north, famine; south, a deluge, and west a conflagration; whereas the truth was that the sound travelled whither the prevailing wind blew it. Those old notions have passed away, but we still have our "croaking frogs," who do as much harm as their ancestors did. Is it not true that a numerous class are everlastingly on the croaking string? The wind bothers some people because it does not blow just as they wish; the sun too is frequently very inconsiderate in not shining, or does so too brightly. Then as for rain—the wonder is what business it has to drop down on us. Any little reverse is deemed a call for a long song, while a misadventure merits nothing short of a howling croak. Let one of the croakers lose a shirt button, or drop a kerchief, or soil a petticoat, or any innocent accident of the kind occur, and immediately the key-note sounds for a full concert. It does not occur to these croakers to go to a handy girl and ask her to sew on the button, nor look for the missing kerchief, and if not found, get another and

blow their nose in peace, nor to use a little soap to restore the soiled petticoat to original purity. No, no! that would destroy their vocation—they would lose the opportunity of doing good after their own fashion. We have heard of a couple about being married, but just as the ceremony was commencing the gent discovered that his bride elect had forgotten one of her ear-rings, and thereupon he left the church in disgust and croaked about it until his friends were sick of him and his croaking. Engaged people are sometimes great croakers. A good deal is owing to the fact that they don't know what to do with themselves; there is an awkwardness about them that they cannot help. Altho' they have it all their own way, yet they fancy a thousand things, one of the other, and of all the world besides; and so they set to croaking. Should one wish to be married a month or five years before the time thought suitable by the other, instead of agreeing to differ they mutually croak. It seems to us that we are largely a croaking race, and that we do more harm than the ancient frogs ever did. Why not make the best of things? The evils we needlessly anticipate are the hardest to bear, but ten to one if we don't croak more about the agitation produced by anticipation than we would have done had the evil come. For our own part, we believe in letting well alone, and enjoying innocent recreation and sipping as many sweets as our short existence gives us opportunity, which will repay better than croaking.

Sept. 7.

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[FOR THE HARBOR GRACE STAR.]

MINNESOTA.

WORTHINGTON, Minnesota, }
July 27th, 1872. }

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As an agricultural State, Minnesota stands among the first. It is admitted to be the best wheat State east of the Rocky Mountains, the crop being more uniform than in more southern latitudes, and the average yield being from three to five bushels higher than New York or Illinois. In average yield of corn, per acre, Minnesota is excelled by Illinois only. The average yield of hay, per acre is double that of the great hay State, Ohio. Stock thrive well in winter, with only straw sheds to protect them from the severer storms, and in summer they live on grass which is often high enough to conceal them. Small fruits yield abundantly, and are of prime flavour. Apples are successfully cultivated as far North as Winona and Minneapolis.

But what are the prospects for a poor man. In the first place the Government gives him the land. Next nature clears, drains and dresses it for him. Thirdly, if he joins the National Colony he can bring his family here at a reduction on fare and freight of from forty to fifty per cent., and can have lumber to build a house at a discount of \$2 a thousand. A man to get on smoothly should come with enough money to build a small house at a cost of from \$150 to \$200, to buy a team and some implements, and have a little left for emergencies. But men have come to Minnesota with just enough money to get here, and have worked for others to pay their way, and have come out with a good farm and were in independent circumstances in five years. One man who came to the Sank Valley ten years ago with nothing but his ox-team, now owns a section of land under cultivation, and is a rich man. Men who come with capital enough to farm largely, make fortunes in a few years. Mr. Dalrymple, near Hastings, cleared \$150,000 by raising wheat in five years. Mr. Butterfield, about eighty miles north of here, has about 1,600 acres this year, and has already sold at \$1.20c. per bushel. He will clear over twenty thousand dollars on this crop. The man who comes to Noble's County now, with from \$3,000 to \$4,000, and invests it in land will be a comparatively rich man in five years. The Colony is founded on a high moral basis, especially upon the plan of excluding intoxicating liquors. This has drawn together a class of people, chiefly from the eastern States, who are said to average better in character and culture than those of any new settlement probably in the whole west. The general remark of experienced western men is that they never saw as good a class of people in a new western settlement. Two liquor saloons have been closed by legal process, and now there is no intoxicating liquor sold publicly as a beverage in the county. The temperance fight will be maintained. Steps are now being taken to start a graded school here and efforts will be put forth to locate a seminary of learning. The high moral character of the community, the educational advantages and the fact that the people are locating here, will undoubtedly give a rapid rise to the lands.

I cannot better express my view of this locality than in the words of a colonist, published before. He said "I came west to find good soil, good climate, good markets, and good society, and I found them all here." It has been said that the climate will banish Ague and Consumption, the rich soil will banish poverty, and the Community will banish the liquor seller.

FARMER.

Upwards of 13 tons of strawberries were lately sent from Cornwall to the London (Eng.) market.



Latest Despatches.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—A Canterbury despatch states that a fire broke out over the altar in the Eastern end of the Cathedral, by the accidental upsetting of a charcoal furnace, by workmen repairing the lead roof. No water was obtainable for some time; the fire gained headway over the altar and shrine of Thomas a Becket. Later despatches state that the fire was extinguished by the firemen and entire garrison. About 150 feet of the roof is completely destroyed. Everything that could be moved was got out of the Cathedral before the firemen commenced work. It is hoped the damage is not as serious as it now appears. The shrine of Thomas a Becket is not injured; the Mosaic pavement is covered with melted lead which dropped from the roof, and the altar deluged with water. The Cathedral is insured in the Sun Company. It has been customary for the last 300 years to hold religious service in the Cathedral daily. This custom was not broken by the fire, as services were held after the suppression of the flames.

NEW YORK, 3.—New York Germans celebrated Sedan yesterday, and sent congratulatory telegrams to Emperor William.

The English cricketers again worsted the Toronto Club in a game yesterday at Toronto. Wickets drawn with, English at the bat for 243 and eight wickets down. Grace scored 142.

Charles O'Connor while approving of the intention of the Louisville Convention to nominate a straight democratic candidate for President, declines to be nominee.

Hon. Charles Sumner sailed in the steamer "Malta" for Europe, to-day.

GOLD 113.

TORONTO, 2.—A special despatch to the "Globe," says Hincks has been elected for Vancouver Island district, British Columbia, one of the three districts of the Flat Islands. This constituency contains 423 men, women, children and Chinese, with only 16 qualified electors.

LONDON, 1.—The Ex-Emperor Napoleon goes to his estate at Cowes to-morrow.

The circular attributed to Count Anresy, Austrian Premier, purporting to give Austrian news relative to France and Turkey, is pronounced apocryphal.

Latest official returns of election for Cortes give 250 Radicals, 75 Republicans, 14 alphonists, and 9 Conservatives, and Dynasts elected.

LONDON, 2.—Bombay despatches announce that cholera is raging fearfully in different parts of India.

Congress of the International Society is in session at Bremen.

Stanley continues to be feted in London.

NEW YORK, 2.—The Indians in Colorado attacked a Government train and massacred at once, or fatally wounded 15 men, skinning one man alive from head to foot. The wagon was under a cavalry escort of 100 men, but they were some miles in the rear.

The National debt was decreased nearly eleven millions during August.

GOLD 113 1-4.

The internationals continued in secret session at The Hague to-day.

The Austrian Emperor opened the Hungarian Diet with a congratulatory speech to-day.

Troubles were anticipated between the French and the German troops in Sedan, but all passed off quietly. There were no popular demonstrations anywhere through France to-day, although private banquets were given at Lyons, Toulouse, and other places.

All is quiet on the Spanish frontier.

Prince Bismarck called on Gortschakoff to-day, and subsequently had an interview with the Emperor William.

LONDON, 5.—Heavy thunder storm at Dalton, England, yesterday.

Several lives were lost by the burning of steamer "America" in Japan.

A large number of French Communists have been attracted to The Hague, by the meeting of the International Congress.

Bank of England Bullion has increased £30,000. Consols 92 5-8.

NEW YORK, 5.—The match between the English and Toronto cricketers was concluded yesterday. The 22 of the Dominion going out for 118.

The fight between Chambers and Edwards was won by Chambers in 26 rounds. It lasted an hour and 45 minutes, on Squirrel

Island, at Clair River. The referee decided in favor of Chambers, because Edwards bit him. Both men were severely bruised.

O'Connor declines the presidential nomination, and the convention has adjourned till to-day.

Judge Dent, brother-in-law of President Grant, was to-day fined \$100 in the Washington police court for assaulting one of the editors of the capital newspapers.

The cricket match at Toronto was continued yesterday, with the Englishmen still at the bat, they added 74 runs, making the total of 318 in one innings. Toronto 22 went in and were disposed of for 97 runs on first innings. The second innings was not finished when the stumps were drawn. There were 12 wickets down for 83 runs. Grace's score was 142.

GOLD 113 1-8, Exchange 9 1-4. Money 4 per cent.

LOCAL ITEMS.

On Tuesday the 3rd inst., an inquest was held at the penitentiary, or Gaol, in this city before Dr. Renouf, Acting Coroner for our Sovereign Lady, Victoria, for the central district, on the body of Michael Carew a prisoner who died the previous evening. The verdict of the Jury was in accordance with the facts—"died by the visitation of God." This unfortunate man was convicted of the wilful murder of his wife, in Kings Cove, about nine years ago; but in consequence of being considered insane at the time the sentence of death was not passed on him, therefore he became an inmate of the Lunatic Asylum, and latterly of the Penitentiary, during her Majesty's pleasure. He was in good health until he observed the erection of the Gallows in the Gaol yard, two months ago, when his conscience troubled him severely; he began to refuse to eat his diet, and gradually pined away—*Courier, Sept. 7.*

For Newfoundland.—Mr. Bela R. Lawrence, formerly of the extensive lumber firm of Prescott & Lawrence, and Mr. John McCallum. Crown Land Surveyor of Charlotte County, left for Newfoundland on Thursday last, Aug. 15, for the purpose of exploring the extensive timber lands of that Island, and if prospects are favorable, of embarking in the lumber business there—*St. John's N.B. Tribune, Aug. 20.*

DIED.

Yesterday morning, after a brief illness, Jemima, daughter of John Freeman, Esq., of H. M. Post-Office, St. John's, aged 25 years.

At St. John's, on Thursday morning, after a long and painful illness, Mr. Gilbert Withcombe, a native of Torquay, Devon, aged 85 years; 70 of which he has spent in this Island.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF HARBOR GRACE.

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