

Around the Town.

One of the humorous incidents of the week in St. John has been Ald. Christie's philippic against The Telegraph and its editor. The alderman is reported to have denounced the editor of the paper as a "skunk" and also as a "dirty scoundrel". Now whether the editor be a "skunk" or not may be a charge for the proof of which evidence would be necessary, but certain it is that he is not a "skunk". The alderman's application of so malodorous a cognomen carries with it the implication of foul smelling. Apropos of "skunk", the editor of the paper has a "skunk" in the sense of a dirty scoundrel. The editor of the paper has a "skunk" in the sense of a dirty scoundrel. The editor of the paper has a "skunk" in the sense of a dirty scoundrel.

then five more quick rings before the amazed conductor could hustle in to ask the old gentleman why he had taken upon himself to ring in fares. "Ring in fares," ejaculated the mystified traveler. "I wasn't ringing in fares. I want to get off at the foot of King street and I rang the bell."

The innocent old man looked somewhat crest-fallen when informed that he was just 50 cents ahead of the game and he hasn't yet got over anthologizing "new fangled ways and such like."

There is a teacher in one of the city schools who has a happy faculty of being able to appreciate the funny answers which she gets from members of her flock occasionally—and she has need of it all, for they are excruciatingly funny—sometimes. The other day she was telling her brood about rubber, what it is made from, etc., and in illustration she used a rubber band of the common garden variety. After explaining the origin of rubber she then inquired: "Now, what is rubber used for?" You tell me, Johnnie," and the teacher pointed to a little chap who had been absent following the lesson. Johnnie drew himself up and with a triumphant look around the room at his fortunate fellow students gravely replied: "Please, teacher, rubber is what they put in people's necks."

That must have been a joyous party of stage at King Road on the 2nd inst. The flow of reason and the feast of sail was doubtless equal to the flow of spirit unless all the cleverness of the party was expressed in the letters of verse received from those who prior engagements prevented from being present. Chatterer has been favored with a personal of these letters, many of which are very witty and original, and a few of which reveal the fact that at any moment New Brunswick may develop a poet laureate who will put in the shade Alfred Austin and the late lamented John Galsworthy. It will surprise the general public to know that both G. W. Wetmore and C. W. DeForest are poets of no mean calibre, but truth be told, neither of them are poets. Still they are poets, and if I find a man lurking under The Telegraph premises looking for Chatterer I will know the character must be told. The lawyers say the greater the truth the greater the life, and if these gentlemen object to the name which this announcement brings them, I can only produce their respective names and throw myself on the mercy of the suffering court. After the poems have been read in court I am satisfied no just judge will ever find a denunciation of the poet. But the most ambitious poetical effort brought forth by the recent excursion to Ping Pong Lake is a lyric from M. Jules Whitlock, of St. Stephen. "The Man With a Cold," is the title. Stephen Poet Laureate waiting to present me with a book of his poems. And I will accordingly insure my life against accident as a wise and happy forethought, for my family has no call to suffer for my temerity in the cause of it.

It seems so long since the days when it was necessary to ring the bell in order to arrest the attention of the street car conductor that most people have forgotten that such a method ever prevailed. Still they are going to ring the bell, and these will appreciate the laughable predicament of an old gentleman who for a good long time had not wasted his strength in that form of riotous living represented by street car riders. The gentleman in question, and a party of friends had been enjoying an outing on river on Tuesday day and boarded the electric at Indian town on the arrival of the boat. The cars were not so very much changed since the old days, though the man unfamiliar with modern ways and means and its features retained was—yes sure enough—it was the good old bell rope. The traveler, the last of the party to leave the car, desired to get off at the foot of King street and so as he neared that point he thought he would call the conductor's attention to the fact, just in case the cars didn't stop there. Five sharp insistent rings left the air—a sharp pause—and

Children make funny errors in their interpretation of the complicated sentences of grown up people. I witnessed an odd case of it one day this week at a friend's house. His little boy, aged seven, had been fishing and succeeded in catching his first trout which, while somewhat diminutive in size, was the object of intense pride to the youthful Frank Walton. The trout had been cooked for the young man's supper but he insisted upon it being equally divided among the household. The conversation turned on the boy and his fishing trip and one of the grown ups was able to ride a horse. "It must be nice to be able to catch fish," "Humph!" retorted the boy with a fine assurance. "It wasn't Abel caught that trout. I caught it all myself. The man who killed him Cain long before that trout was born." And the youthful Bible student, after joining in the general laugh, inquired of his mother what the joke was.

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MARKET REPORTS.

SAINT JOHN WHOLESALE MARKET.

PROVISIONS	ex car	ex est
Am clear pork, per bbl	24 00	25 00
Pork, mess	22 00	22 50
P 15 prime mess	00 00	00 00
Plate beef	14 00	15 00
Extra plate beef	17 00	18 00
Choice, factory, new, lb	00 12	00 10
Butter, dairy, lb	00 15	00 20
Butter, creamery, lb	20 00	22 00
Lard, tubs, pure, lb	0 12	0 12
Lard, compound, lb	0 10	0 11
Eggs, per doz, fresh	0 13	0 15
Beans, white, lb	1 00	1 05
Beans, Y. R. lb	2 75	3 00
Onions, per lb	0 02	0 03

FINISH		
Oodfish, medium, 100 lb	3 50	3 80
Large, lb	3 60	3 70
Pollock, 100 lb	1 00	1 10
Herring, bay, lb	2 25	2 25
Herring, rippling, lb	0 00	0 00
Herring, Casco, lb	3 00	3 00
Herring, Shalburne, No 1	5 00	5 25
No 2	0 00	0 00
No 3	0 00	0 00
Shad fish	0 00	0 75

GRAIN		
Oats, Ontario	0 88	0 60
" Provincial	0 85	0 60
Split peas	4 50	4 90
Barley, Hay, pressed	4 20	4 75
Hay, pressed	13 00	13 50

TOBACCO		
Black, 10's	0 65	0 62
Black, 10's, short stock	0 00	0 00
Black, 10's, long	0 64	0 64
Bright, 10's	0 65	0 64
Black, 10's	0 59	0 54

RICE		
Arroz, cwt	3 20	3 40
Patna	0 04	0 05
Patna	0 02	0 06

SUGAR		
Granulated, bbl	3 90	3 95
Granulated, Dutch	3 80	3 85
Brown, lb	3 45	3 65
No 1 Yellow	3 30	3 35
Black lump, boxes	0 00	0 00
Seal, steam refined	0 05	0 05

OILS		
American Water White	0 18	0 18
Canadian Water White	0 18	0 18
Canadian prime white	0 17	0 17
do Star	0 17	0 17
Lard, oil, boiled	0 48	0 50
do, raw	0 48	0 50
Turpentine	0 68	0 69
Linseed oil, com. lb	0 60	0 62
Olive oil, lb	0 85	0 85
Extra lard oil	0 25	0 62
No 1 lard oil	0 00	0 00
Seal oil, steam refined	0 67	0 65
do, pale	0 64	0 56
God oil	0 38	0 38

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London Layers	0 00	0 00
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LIME.

Backs	1 30 to 1 50
Obis	0 70 to 0 70
Domestic coal tar	4 25 to 4 50
Coal tar pitch	2 75 to 2 80
Wilmington pitch	2 75 to 3 00
tar	3 25 to 3 50

COALS	ex ship, del'd
Old Mines Sydney per chald	7 50 to 7 50
Springhill round do	8 50 to 8 50
Springhill Nat do	8 50 to 8 50
West Coast do	8 50 to 8 50
Caledonia do	8 50 to 8 50
Acadia do	0 00 to 0 00

LUMBER			
Spruce deals, Bay Fundy	10 00	to	10 50
City Mills	11 50	to	10 50
Aroostook P B Nos 1 &	40 00	to	45 00
No. 3	30 00	to	35 00
No. 4	20 00	to	25 00
Aroostook shipping	15 00	to	16 00
Common	12 00	to	13 00

SPRUE		
Sprue deal, Bay Fundy 10 00	10 00	10 50
City Mills	11 50 to 10 50	
Arrostock P B Nos 1 & 2	40 00 to 40 00	
No 3	20 00 to 20 00	
No 4	20 00 to 20 00	
Arrostock shipping	15 00 to 16 00	
Sound	18 00 to 18 00	
Sprue boards	0 80 to 0 90	
Sprue scantling (uns'd)	0 80 to 0 90	
Sprue dimensions	10 00 to 12 00	
Plus Clapboards, extra	20 00 to 20 00	
No 1	30 00 to 32 00	
No 2	20 00 to 20 00	
No 3	11 00 to 12 00	
Laths, spruce	0 00 to 1 00	
Laths, pine	0 00 to 1 00	
Falings, spruce	4 00 to 4 00	
Foundry	1 75 to 2 25	
New York Lath	0 40 to 0 45	
Boston	0 00 to 2 00	
Barbados, calling V H	0 00 to 0 00	
Barbados mkt (50' x 2)	6 00 to 6 00	
North side Cuba (gid)	5 00 to 5 00	
South side Cuba (gid)	5 00 to 5 00	
New York lime, com	0 00 to 0 25	
Canary Islands	6 50 to 6 50	
Boston lime nominal	0 00 to 0 18	

DEALS		
Liverpool lath means	1 00 to 1 00	
London	1 00 to 1 00	
Bristol Channel	1 00 to 1 00	
Clyde	1 00 to 1 00	
West Coast Ireland	35 0 to 37 6	
Dublin	1 00 to 1 00	
Warrington	1 00 to 1 00	
Cork	1 00 to 1 00	

COUNTRY MARKET.		
The market is showing a very much more spring like appearance than a week or two ago, new vegetables being on sale in increasing quantities and the stalls like those adorned with plants and flowers ready for setting out in gardens.		

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are corrected retail prices:—	
	Retail.
Lamb, per qr.....	0.75 " 1.75
Mutton, per lb.....	0.10 " 0.16
Veal, per lb.....	0.09 " 0.18
Wool.....	0.08 " 0.08