



HARBOR GRACE, APRIL 29, 1873.

THE mails, per "Tiger," English and American, arrived here last evening; principal news anticipated by telegraph.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we learn from day to day of the widespread destitution that is now so painfully felt in this hitherto prosperous district. The results consequent upon an almost unprecedented bad seal fishery, together with the entire absence of permanent employment, have so retarded anything like healthy improvement in business generally as to forcibly impress us with the belief that some time must elapse ere we rise from the slough of depression into which we have fallen and again reach the state of prosperity that but a short time since characterized our pretty little town. Nor is this to be wondered at. How, we ask, can anything like advancement be made while monopoly and oppression continue to be the fundamental principles on which the trade is based? Self-interest and parsimony seem to actuate those whose aim should be to inculcate principles of philanthropy and ardent desires to promote the welfare of our common country, consequently the prospects held out to the talent and ingenuity of this colony afford no encouragement whatever, and our talented and energetic young men are obliged to leave their homes and the dearest objects to them on earth to seek in other lands a field for the developments of those resources which, if fostered by us, would eventually place Newfoundland foremost in the catalogue of England's numerous possessions. Only a few days have elapsed since we pressed the hands of several of our young friends and wished them God-speed on their way to Canada and the United States; and as we beheld in one or two cases the unwilling tear roll down the cheek, and learned with what reluctance our friends were leaving their childhood's homes, our feelings compelled us to turn abruptly away; not, however, we may say, without also being forced "to play the woman." Many others are on the eve of departure, and it is not improbable that we too will have to follow; and should this be our fate, our greatest grief will be that we leave behind us

"Nothing that claims a tear!"

We learn that a Light House will shortly be erected on Cape St. Francis, at a cost of about \$20,000. The apparatus is to be furnished by Messrs. D. & T. Stephenson, of Glasgow—the light to be FIXED WHITE.

[FOR THE H. G. STAR.]

It is an unpleasant fact that notwithstanding the many efforts made through the columns of your inestimable paper to impress the members of the Road Board with a sense of the importance of their office and the duty they owe to the public, inactivity and carelessness appear to be their chief characteristics. In your last issue a writer signing himself "One Who Knows" made some very reasonable remarks in reference to the neglected state of our streets and passages; but with what success in the way of arousing our Board from the lethargy into which they seem to have fallen, the absence of anything like action very clearly demonstrates. What "in the name of all the gods at once" is the use of the Government granting money for the repairs of roads and the employment of the people, and placing it in the hands of persons who, by their conduct, seem to know nothing about the former, and, if possible, care less about the latter. Yesterday afternoon I met a large number of poor persons, the majority of whom were in search of employment. While conversing with some of them I learned that they had applied to the Road Board for labor and received no encouragement whatever. They further informed me that it was their intention to wait on his Honor the District Judge with a view to request that gentleman to use his influence with the Government to the end that employment may be given, so that themselves and families may be relieved from the pangs of hunger. Can anything be better calculated to call forth the sympathy of the Government than this evidence of privation and want; especially as the sufferers are our hardy fishermen—the bone and sinew of the country? It is to be hoped that what I have here alluded to will engender the favorable attention of our rulers, and speedy employment be furnished those who are willing to work, but deprived of the privilege.

April 29. HOMO.

We learn from Bonavista that on the 12th inst., a whale was discovered in Black Head Bay, jammed in the ice, but alive, by some of the King's Cove people. They took possession by marking their names upon him, and hoisting a flag over him, after which they left him to search for seals. In the mean time two people from Newman's Cove spied the whale, and cut from its side two loads of fat, when they left for home with the intention of returning with their friends to share in the godsend. Before they could return, however, the ice slackened off, and the whale made his escape, minus the two loads of fat. —Chronicle.

oil acquainting them that the house had appointed such Committee, and requesting the appointment of a Committee of the Council to co-operate therewith.

The motion was put and carried, and the hon Premier and the hon Mr. Carter were appointed to take the message to the Council.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow at 4 o'clock.

FRIDAY, March 7.

The House met at 4 o'clock. The hon Receiver General presented petitions from J. C. Clarke and others, of Harbor Breton, and from Samuel Miles, and others, of Head of Harbor Fortune, on the subject of roads and a bridge.

Ordered that these petitions lie on the table.

Mr. Wood presented petitions from Elias Wood and others, William Ledrew and others, George Muford and others, of Clarke's Beach, Cupids and Salmon Cove, on the subject of roads.

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The hon Premier presented a petition from the Rev J. H. Taylor and others, praying for a grant to complete the road hence to Long Harbor.

Hon Premier, in moving that the petition lie on the table, would observe that it was a very important petition. The road from Briggs to Long Harbor opened up a fine tract of land for settlement, on which there was a fine growth of timber, while it was the shortest road to Placentia Bay. He trusted the prayer of the petition would be complied with.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Warren presented petitions from Robert Cranford and others, of New Harbor, from Wm Day and others, of Old Perlican, and from Azariah Sparks and others, of Sibley's Cove, on the subject of roads.

Mr. Green presented petitions from E. Vass and others, Officers of the Harbor Grace Fire Company, which was received and read, praying for a grant to enable them to purchase proper uniforms.

Mr. Green, in moving that the petition lie on the table, said the petitioners were the officers of a very efficient Fire Brigade, that did very effective service at very considerable personal risk and exposure, and without any remuneration. He trusted the Government and the House would readily accord them what they asked for.

Ordered that the petition lie on the table.

Mr. Green gave notice, that on to-morrow, he would move an address to his Excellency the Governor on the petition of the Harbor Grace Volunteer Fire Company.

Hon Mr. Carter gave notice that, on to-morrow, he would ask the hon Premier if the Government intend to proceed with the Bill for the adoption of the Washington Treaty, or if a measure will be introduced for the better preservation of our fishery rights. Also that on to-morrow, he would ask the hon Attorney General why the perpetrators who were concerned in the outrageous act of wrecking the Brigantine Florence, at Mail Bay, near St. Mary's have not been prosecuted, and what steps are being taken for the punishment of such flagrant offences. Also, that on to-morrow, he would ask the hon Colonial Secretary for copies of direct steam contracts with the Alcan Company; also copy of arrangement for Western Steam Service; and also copy of contract, agreement, promise or arrangement for Intercolonial Steam, with the Gulf Steam Company or their Agent.

Mr. Warren gave notice that, on to-morrow, he would ask the hon Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of the House a return showing the amounts appropriated of the special Grant of \$2,000 for Trinity Bay District, the purposes for which such appropriations were made, and by whom; amount expended of such appropriations with vouchers from parties authorized to expend the same.

Hon Mr. Carter gave notice that, on to-morrow, he would ask the Acting Surveyor or General if he has in his office a map showing localities in which licenses or grants of land for mining purposes have been located, with a register of all names and boundaries of localities; and if not why the same cannot be at once procured and laid before the House? So that at all times attention may be directed thereto, when required.

Hon Chairman Board Works—From the Select Committee to report on the printing and reporting of the House, presented the report of the Committee, which was received, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rendell said before the house proceeded with the order of the day, he would observe that it would be a matter of great importance if the Board of Works were to have a map prepared with the main road of the Colony laid down upon it, so that it could be seen at a glance how far, and in what direction they were laid out, and what progress was made in completing them.

Mr. Warren thought such a map would be very useful, and it could be prepared at a small expense in the Surveyor General's office.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to regulate the practice on the Equity side of the Supreme Court on Circuit, was read a third time and passed, to be taken to the Legislative Council for concurrence by Mr. Emerson and the hon Attorney General.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

A YOUNG lady in Nashville recently entered a shoe store to buy a pair of shoes. In answer to the question of the nice young man, she stated that she wore number twos. After the young man had spoiled his clean collar, and burst off two suspender buttons in trying to force on the shoes, the damsel was fain to confess that they were just a little too tight. She finally contrived to squeeze on a pair of number sizes.

Pouch Cove, which were severally received and read, on the subject of roads.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tessier presented a petition from Merchants and others, of St. John's, praying that a road might be made, suitable for wagons and general traffic, along the South Side of St. John's, from Job's Bridge to the premises of Messrs. Baine, Johnston & Co. Also, praying that a special Board of Commissioners might be appointed to assume the management of the work.

Mr. Tessier would support the prayer of the petition. The importance of the trade and business carried on at the South Side would be apparent from the fact that the whole produce of the seal fishery was landed, manufactured and shipped, at the South Side, besides a variety of other business. The petition was deserving of the attention of the House.

Mr. Fenelon would support the main object sought for by the petition, for the important and extensive business carried on at the South Side required that there should be a good main road along the whole length of that side of the harbour. He did not agree with the prayer for a separate Board of Commissioners for the work, as he considered that it came properly within the functions of the Board of Works.

Ordered that the petitions lie on the table.

Mr. Tessier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he would move an address to his Excellency the Governor on the above petition.

Mr. Rogerson presented petitions from the following persons, on the subject of roads:—From John Rogers and others, of Western Bay; William Killeamey and others, of Salmon Cove; Solomon Sandys and others, of Job's Cove; Edward Killeamey and others, North Shore; William Wilcox and others, Western Bay; Rev. Joseph Pascoe and others, of Job's Cove.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The hon. Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents:—

Report of Thomas Brien, Inspector of Weights and Measures, for 1872.

Statement of General Water Company of St. John's, for 1872. Ordered that these documents lie on the table.

Hon Mr. Carter called attention to an error in the reports of the proceedings of the House, as they appeared in the official reports of to-day. He attributed the latter to inadvertence, and not to any wilful intention on the part of any of the reporters to misrepresent the proceedings of the House. He (hon. Mr. C.) would take this opportunity of protesting against the departure from the constitutional rule and practice, by which the sanction of the House was always required to the appointment of the official reporters.

Hon Chairman Board Works said that it was simply an oversight that the Committee on Reporting and Contingencies, had not reported to the house the names of the gentlemen appointed as reporters, and stated that the report would be forthwith committed to the House.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Third reading of Bill relating to incorporation of Companies for Mercantile and other purposes.

Mr. Emerson moved that the bill be recommitted for the purpose of introducing two sections which were necessary to make the bill consistent with the Consolidated Statutes, when they should be published. The motion was put and carried.

The House then went into Committee of the whole, Mr. Parsons in the chair.

The additional sections having been read and adopted, the Committee rose and reported the bill, with amendments, which were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, the bill was then read a third time, and passed.

Ordered to be taken to the Legislative Council by Mr. Emerson and Mr. Tessier.

Mr. Tessier, pursuant to notice, moved an address to His Excellency the Governor on the petition of William McGrath and others, officers and members of the Cathedral Fire Brigade.

The address was received, read, adopted, ordered to be engrossed, and presented to his Excellency by such members of the House as are of the hon. Executive Council.

Mr. Rendell, pursuant to notice, moved an address to His Excellency the Governor on the petition of the inhabitants of Catalina, for a grant for a school house, the address was received and read.

Mr. Rendell, in moving that it be adopted, would observe that he considered no subject more worthy the attention of a Government than Education. He had hoped that before now some measure on Education would have been brought forward by the Government. It was most necessary for the outposts that the question should be taken up. The population previously small, had of late years much increased in many places. In all the Dominion provinces the subject of Education had occupied the particular attention of the respective Governments and Legislatures, and there were now excellent schools throughout these provinces, at which the rising generation received an education such as would promote their advancement in life, and produce the most salutary effect on the progress of the whole community.

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The hon Premier, pursuant to notice, moved that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the working of the Telegraph Company Act. The motion was put and carried, and hon Premier the hon Attorney General, the hon Mr. Carter, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Munn, and Mr. Tessier were appointed to constitute the Committee.

Latest Despatches.

LONDON, April 22.

Parliament reassembled to-day. Fanelett's tests in the Dublin University Bill passed to second reading. Cable tariffs will be advanced instead of reduced on 1st May.

NEW YORK, 22.

Nearly a quarter million dollars in United States bonds, obtained by forgers from the Bank of England, were in New York yesterday.

OTTAWA, 23.

Mr. Pope, Premier of P. E. Island, arrived here last night, and had an interview with the Ministers to-day, touching the admission of that Island into Confederation.

LONDON, 23.

The weather to-day is fair, and favorable to crops. Czaruswitch and wife will visit England during May.

NEW YORK, 23.

A decision adverse to Stokes was rendered in court to-day. It is believed he will swing. Gold 117½.

LONDON, 24.

Earle de La Fair, committed suicide. His body was found in the river Dart. Sir Samuel Baker is safe at Faloch. The Prince of Wales leaves town to-night for Vicana.

NEW YORK, 24.

An official meeting of Cable Companies resulted in favor of consolidation of all cable interests. Stoke's friends despair of saving him. Gold 117½.

NEWS ITEMS.

DEATH OF A FEMALE SMUGGLER.—A correspondent writes that Elizabeth, better known all over Deeside as "Lizzie" Davidson, the last of a daring band who, during the first quarter of the present century, carried on the traffic in smuggled whisky between the illi-it distiller in the Highlands and the Sassenach consumers in the Low country, died recently at Kinclun, on the estate of Durris, at the age of 75. She was the youngest, and last survivor of a family of smugglers, and was born at Inver, near Balmoral, where her brothers, men of great fame in the district for agility and prowess, for many years lived in a state of chronic warfare with the officers of the excise, and in more degenerate times with the gamekeepers. The sisters frequently joined the brothers on their smuggling excursions, and, like most of their class, the whole family were nearly ruined when they found it necessary to adopt a more settled mode of life. The last Duke of Gordon kindly conferred a house and small croft on the two sisters, where they carried on a small shop and inn till about 20 years ago, when, on the death of the elder, Elizabeth gave up business.

THE occurrence of fatal accidents in factories and other establishments where powerful machinery is used is becoming frightfully frequent. Our exchange papers, not only from large cities, but also from small manufacturing villages come teeming with the terrible stories of crushed, torn, or mangled victims. Some times it is an old man who has been crushed to death; then it is a young girl who has been torn to pieces; or some man in the prime of life has been caught and ground to pulp in some machine.

It seems to us that some means should be devised to protect the lives of persons who have to work in the midst of such death-dealing machinery.

THE "oldest man in America" has been interviewed. George Le Barre is his name, and Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania, his dwelling place. George is something over one hundred and fifteen years of age. His youngest daughter is a "lively lass of seventy-five," the interviewer observes, and she expressed anxiety in regard to the old gentleman's smoking, he having kept up the practice for over a century. He has also taken a little "plain native whisky" right along, but only remembers getting "full" twice in the course of his long life—once when he went to see General Washington, and once when he started on a western journey, sixty-five years ago.

A GERMAN residing in a village near Hanover was recently told by a quack doctor that his wife's gout could be cured by super-heating. In spite of the woman's protests, he took her and placed her in his baker's oven, and by the time he thought the process had continued sufficiently long, the woman was found a half-charred corpse. The man has been arrested for "homicide by carelessness." That is a mild way of putting it.

It is stated that Sir R. Adair will take the title of Lord Waveney.

HOW TO DEAL WITH SCANDAL MONSTERING SNEAKS.—Sneaks cannot be crushed out of existence. We have to tolerate them. They are careful rarely to give us absolute cause of offence. They stab us, and we cannot tell who has stabbed us. What is to be done with them? Let them as far as possible be avoided. If you do not feel yourself sufficiently strong to encounter one in a verbal encounter, without committing yourself, when you see him bearing down on you in the street, turn down a bye lane, or entry, or even pop into a public-house; no, don't do that, for if you do he will report that you are a confirmed drunkard, and frequent public houses at all hours of the day. But do get out of his path. He will do you no good—he may do you harm; at any rate he will try to do so, for it is his policy to raise himself by pulling down other people. If he will persist in getting in your way—why cut him dead.

Wholesale Prices Current, St. John's.

BREAD—Hambro's No 1, 32s. 6d.; No. 2, 30s.; No. 3, 24s. Local No. 1, 29s.; No. 2, 25s. 6d.; F. C., 22s. 6d.	
FLOUR—Canada Fancy 45s.; Canada Superfine, or New York Extra, 41s. 6d.; New York Superfine 39s. 6d. to 39s.; New York No. 2 32s. 6d.	
CORN MEAL—White and Yellow, per bbl. 21s. a 22s.	
OATMEAL—Canada, per bbl. 32s.	
RICE—East India, per cwt. 21s.	
PEAS—Round, per bbl. 21s.	
BUTTER—Canada and Nova Scotia, 11d. to 1s.; Hambro's 8d.	
CHEESE—9d. to 10d.	
HAM—9d. to 10d.	
PORK—Hambro's Prime Mess 140s.; Mess 80s.; Prime Mess, 77s. 6d. a 82s. 6d.; Extra Prime 67s. 6d.	
BEEF—Prime, per bbl. 55s.	
LARD—per imp. gallon 7s. 10d. a 8s.	
MOLASSES—Muscovado 2s. a 2s. 2d.; Clay-ed 1s. 9d.	
SUGAR—Muscovado, 50s. to 55s.; unrefined 46s. a 48s. 6d.; American Cru-shed 75s.	
COFFEE—11d.	
TEA—Congou and Souchong, ordinary broken leaf, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 9d.; fair to good, 2s. to 2s. 6d.	
LARD—American and Canadian 8d.	
LEATHER—American and Canadian 1s. 5d.	
TOBACCO—Canadian, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 8d.; American 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d.; Nova Scotia, 1s. 5d. to 1s. 7d.	
CORDAGE—per cwt. 65s.	
SALT—per hhd. Foreign, Liverpool—none afloat.	
KEROSENE OIL—New York manufacture 2s.; Boston 2s. to 2s. 0d.	
COAL—per ton, North Sydney 31s. 6d.	
UNION BANK SHARES, £113.	

THE following are the arrivals at this port from the seal fishery up to date:—

To John Munn & Co.	
Ravenwood.....	3,300
Commodore s.s.....	8,000
Atlanta.....	4,200
Vanguard s.s.....	2,000
Rescue.....	1,800
Escort.....	1,600
Glenagarry.....	2,500
Cyprus.....	600
Walrus.....	1,100
Elay.....	300
Rival.....	800

Ridley & Sons.	
Mastiff.....	14,000
Rusina.....	300
Sweet Home.....	1,400
Pet.....	100
Isabella Ridley.....	600
Sophia.....	800
Orient.....	1,200

W. J. S. Donnelly.	
William.....	3,500
Sneezer.....	2,400
Daniel Green.	
Susan.....	300
Paterson & Foster.	
Breadalbane.....	300

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN'S.

ENTERED.

April 22—Britannia, Taylor, Cadiz—P. & L. Tessier.	
Eric, Spracklin, Figueira—Baine Johnston & Co.	
Dante, Jensen, Cadiz—do	
Queen of Beauty, Dunn, New York—J. & W. Boyd.	
Netherton, Brine, Cadiz—Job Brothers & Co.	
Heron, Stafford, Figueira—A Goodridge & Sons.	
Wm. Stairs, Ryan, Cienfuegos—J. & W. Stewart.	
Come On, Matthews, Bristol—P. Hutchins.	
Excel, Kelly, Bristol—A. Goodridge & Son.	
Ariel, French, Bridport—Bowring Bros.	
Ocean Wave, Hocken, Hamburg—E. Duder.	
Olinda, Prowse, Liverpool—E. Duder.	
Susan Vittery, Cole, London—R. Prowse & Sons.	
Choice Fruit, Stevens, London—W. H. Mare.	
Maggie, Palfrey, Bridport—Goodfellow & Co.	

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