

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 11, 1888.

THE APPROACHING SESSION.

Further Concessions Secured by Liberals.

NO DISPOSITION TO DO BETTER.

Determined to Grab All They Can.

Unless corruption first deject the pride And guardian vigour of the free-born soul, All craves of violence are vain; For, firm within, and while at heart untouched, Ne'er yet by force was freedom overcome.

Our local Legislature opens on Thursday next for what is officially termed "the transaction of public business." At least a proclamation in the Royal Gazette states as much;

It is not to be wondered at, however, that the proceedings of our legislators no longer command the people's attention. Since the general election of 1885 the political institutions of the country have fallen so low that the popular mind has ceased to be drawn towards them.

Some there are, no doubt, who object to the foregoing rather candid references to our Executive councillors, and we shouldn't be surprised to see the whole kennel of Prescott Street snarling at us again, like all possessed, in consequence.

When Vice triumphant holds her sov'reign sway, And men, through life her willing slaves, obey; When Polly, frequent harbingers of crime, Unfolds her motley store to suit the time;

Shortly after the close of last session, the friendly relations existing between the two sections of the Amalgamation became somewhat strained, owing to a demand from the Liberals for an additional member in the Executive, and the fulfilment of certain other promises said to have been made or implied at the time of the conspiracy against Sir William Whiteway.

Premier Thorburn, though absent from the colony, effected that such a reconciliation has been known, and Mr. Attorney General Winter, who at present acts as leader of the Government, thinks he can, under these circumstances, pursue the Party's ruinous policy yet a little longer.

We find it difficult to account for such rash and imprudent tactics, unless, indeed, it be the intention of the "Cabinet" to grab all they can while they remain in office, regardless of how their conduct may be viewed by the public.

represent them in the Assembly. The poet's picture of the situation is a faithful one, and with it we shall bring these observations to a close:

The millions want, the few have got, And hard indeed the poor man's lot; True, work he may, if work can get, But working, seldom saved he yet.

THE ACADEMIA DINNER.

Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR,—Of the many successes which the above club has scored since its advent amongst us, Thursday's Dinner bids fair to be the one that of its kind will, in all probability, remain unsurpassed.

When knaves and fools combined o'er all prevail, When Justice halts, and Right begins to fail; Even then the boldest start from public sneers, Afraid of shame, unknown to other fears,

Mr. Horwood, Vice-President of the City Club, responded to this toast. He said he agreed with everything Mr. Furlong had said, and he considered that his (Mr. H.'s) presence at this banquet to-night, as well as the representatives of the other clubs, was ample evidence of that cordial feeling which existed between the Academia and its sister clubs.

MR. MCGITTIGAN ON THE VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

The Government Plot Exposed.

An Arrangement Made by the Executive.

Starving Fishermen and Government Extravagance.

Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR,—With many others in this community, I had viewed with patience and forbearance the efforts of the clique at the Commercial Room, the grand rallying point of the present amalgamated Government, to organise a volunteer force for the defence of this colony.

PROCEDURE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR,—I cannot agree with your able correspondent of yesterday, who, referring to the public meeting convened on the previous day at the Athenæum Hall, declares that it was "maddled" or mismanaged, because no "resolutions" were prepared beforehand.

No, sir, I maintain, as one of "the people," that the exactly proper course was adopted on the occasion referred to, and that none other would have filled the bill.

I hope all our public meetings will henceforth be conducted in this sensible and proper way. As one of the speakers said at Thursday's meeting: All should be spontaneous and voluntary as far as the people are concerned.

With regard to the object of the meeting I here express no opinion whatever. It is an ungracious thing to be always carping and cavilling about matters with which one may not personally agree, even as the mouthpiece of a portion of the people.

As Montaigne finely observes on this point, "No class of people can afflict such martyrdom on their associates as those who are given to the habit of eternally reminding others of their failings and peculiarities. You are never safe with such people. When you have done your very best to please, and are feeling kindly and pleasantly, out will pop some bitter speech or sneer but too well aimed to be misunderstood. Setting aside the unkindness of the habit, and looking at it entirely from a worldly point of view, it does not pay to say disagreeable things, when there is no real necessity for it, as our ill-nature will in time unfailingly recoil upon ourselves."

Yours truly, ALFONSO SMITH. St. John's, Feb. 11, 1888.

The Nail Factory's dividend for the past year is three per cent.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

The brigantine Ariel is in Aquaforte—all well.

The S.S. Portia arrived at Halifax at two o'clock this morning.

THERE will be no choir practice this evening in George Street Methodist Church.

The steamer Curlew left Harbor Briton at two o'clock this morning, bound this way.

MEMBERS of the Micmac Curling Club are reminded of their meeting in the Parade Rink this evening at 8 o'clock.

BOTH tugs which went in search of the Ariel returned between 2 and 3 o'clock, the ice being too heavy to permit of their going to the westward.

The steamer Newfoundland will leave Halifax for this port next Tuesday, provided the Allan boat with the English mails shall have arrived there by that time.

AN hour or more of real enjoyment is in store for all who attend St. Mary's Hall this evening. There will be singing, readings and recitations. Admission only 10 cents.

THE performance of "Captain Kyd," by the Total Abstinence Company last night, drew another crowded audience. The rendition was very fine and the climax thrilling and exciting, eliciting tremendous applause.

THE T. A. Dramatic Company intend to bring out next Monday evening the splendid sensational tragedy of "Miriam's Crime, or the Lost Will." It is full of pathetic and grand passages of fine sentiment and deep, tender pathos, and deserves the attendance of every lover of the drama.

OWING to Mr. Hodgkinson's lecture in the Athenæum on Monday evening next, the meeting of the "Prohibition League" as previously announced, will be postponed until further notice.

THE tug Ingraham was despatched this morning to tow Messrs. Bowring's brigantine Ariel—which passed Cape Race at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon—into port.

OUR readers will remember that the Rev. T. Hodgkinson lectures in the Athenæum Hall next Monday evening, in continuation of the literary course of that institution. His subject is "Public Speaking," an attractive theme, one which ought to fill the hall with those large and cultured minds who are interested in belles lettres.

THE parade of the acmes these nights in the Parade Rink is picturesque, pleasing and panoramic. Persiflage and compliment, laughter and banter, are the counters of exchange in this mart of enjoyment; rosy-cheeked Recreation impels the eddying throng, and Apollo, the favored deity of sweet sound, flings his choicest harmonies over the scene.

TENANTS of some of the Baine property on the north side of Water Street, between McMurdo's Lane and McBride's Hill, have been notified that forty per cent. will be added to their rents. The leases are land leases only, and are the outcome of the fire of 1846.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

SUNDAY, Feb. 12. GOWER-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M. Rev. J. E. Manning; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. G. Boyd.

MARRIED. This morning, at St. Thomas' Church, by the Rev. A. C. F. Wood, M.A., Doctor William C. McKinnon, to Mary Jane, daughter of the late John Steer.

DIED. Last evening, after a long illness, borne with Christian fortitude, Mary Frances, eldest daughter of Thomas and Ellen Duff. Funeral on Monday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 55 Patrick street; friends and acquaintances are requested to attend.