

or enlisted from the people, that nothing can be seen further on a dark night or will be remembered longer, than a land in flames.

Soon after the party referred to entered the Cafe, a small, nervous and bright-eyed man dashed in after it, and mounting a table he began to gesticulate and point at our "hero," and shout wildly as he recited "Sheridan's Ride."

The face of the little "hero" was red as a burning town. The little man on the table, in the wine shop there on the seven hills of the twelve Cresses, kept shouting right along. But why not do so if he chose? Had he not made him? Who would ever have heard of the little man with the sword, above the burning crash of bars, but for the little man with the pen? He had created him; this Poet friend of mine, T. Buchanan Reid. But evidently now the creature was not in love with his creator. He wanted to escape him and the depth of obligation together. Here was the story of Frankenstein reversed!

Never had I seen, never shall I see again, such a singular illustration of the strangely fascinating story of Mary Woolstonecraft. Shelley would have enjoyed it and made the scene immortal. But Keats, who had drawn his last gentle breath in the little brown house by the Spanish Steps, not a stone's throw away, would have fled in terror from the scene between these two men from the heart of America there in the heart of Rome.

Suddenly the little man of the sword wheeled and led his following through the door into the street, and the great little man said back over his shoulder as if in apology to our party, "— that fellow, he will drive me out of Italy yet."

We looked at each other; and then the gentle, the dying Poet whose life work lay behind him, seemed at last to comprehend. He got down slowly, and pained and bewildered, passed out, silent as an apparition. The brutality of that parting speech, under the pathetic circumstances is without parallel. And it invoked this paragraph for my dead friend. Such are modern "heroes."

In the sickly attempt to establish a military aristocracy here at the Capital, I read my duty clearly and plead no other excuse for this, or for what may follow. I shall acknowledge in this pastoral republic no aristocracy except that of honest and equal toil.

WHAT DO THE FRIENDS OF CAPE BRETON WANT.

To the Editor of the Critic:—

DEAR SIR,—Your editorial in last week's CRITIC on "What do the Friends of Cape Breton Want" is timely. I hope you will re-publish it when the Local House shall be in session, that all our members may be reminded of some of the unanswerable arguments presentable in the advocacy of Cape Breton's claims to the consideration of the Local Government. I may say, however, that a railway scheme for Cape Breton, submitted to the House on the eve of a general election, will, of itself, scarcely satisfy the thousands in this Island who know that we have been shamefully neglected by both Governments. We have had enough of paper-railways, and have learned to look with suspicion upon governmental promises. We are entitled, at the hands of the Local Government, to assistance for building a railway, by reason alike of all we have contributed to the cost of railways in other parts of the Province, and of all the good railways in this Island would accomplish in developing mines, etc., which, once opened up, would be of immense benefit to Nova Scotia proper, as well as to us. But at the next meeting of the House, the Government can do something for us, apart from railways, that will equally be a boon to Cape Breton and to Halifax, and other places in the peninsula. We have millions of dollars worth of iron and copper in Cape Breton, with facilities for cheap smelting, unrivalled elsewhere in America. If these mines were being worked, they would keep our present surplus population profitably employed at home, would invigorate our local markets, and annually circulate in Halifax and elsewhere in Nova Scotia proper thousands of dollars more than our business men now handle in the course of a year. The trade of the whole Province needs invigoration, and there are good reasons for believing, that if the Government shall see fit to help in hastening an era of greater commercial activity, any reasonable scheme proposed by them for this purpose would meet with the support of both western and eastern members. By lending us assistance now, the Government shall cause the mines mentioned to be opened with scarcely any delay, and they will prove themselves the friends of Cape Breton and the benefactors of the whole Province.

Allow me to assure you, Mr. Editor, that your able efforts to bring these matters before the Government and the public, are applauded by
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THE EXECUTION OF RIEL.

MR. EDITOR:

Sir,—I have observed with pain, attempts made in certain quarters to emphasise the slander that the Roman Catholics of the Dominion sympathized with Riel. As a Catholic that has had fair opportunities of knowing the opinions held in this connection by my co-religionists in Nova Scotia, I have no hesitation in averring that I believe the great preponderance of Catholic opinion in this Province approves of the execution of Riel. We look upon him as an ill-balanced, unscrupulous schemer, an enemy of our common country, a promoter of pillage, bloodshed and murder. I emphatically deny that such a man could, while thus acting, be a good Roman Catholic. Nor can I see how a man that incites the savage tribes of the western wilds to the murder of peace-making priests, could fairly be assumed to have any marked Catholic sympathies. And how can he be regarded as a patriot who was willing to return to Montana and abandon the cause and the people he affected to champion, if he were paid \$35,000!

17th Oct., 1885.

R. C.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

WHOLESALE RATES.

The following Price Lists have been corrected up to the time of going to press, and are thoroughly reliable and accurate.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR.		
Cut Leaf.....	8	to 8 1/2
Granulated.....	7	to 7 1/2
(Cane A.....	6 1/2	to 6 3/4
Extra C.....	5 1/2	to 6
Yellow C.....	5 1/2	to 6 1/4
Yellows.....	5 1/2	to 5 3/4

TEA.		
Congou, Common.....	15	to 16
" Fair.....	18	to 21
" Good.....	20	to 27
" Choice.....	29	to 31
" Extra Choice.....	33	to 34
Oolong—Choice.....	33	to 34

MOLASSES.		
Cienfuegos.....	27	to 29
Prinidad.....	24	to 29
Porto Rico.....	26	to 31
Barbados.....	26	to 31
Demerara.....	26	to 31
Diamond N.....	43	

SOAPS.		
Ivory bar, 1 lb., 2 lb. and 3 lb.....	6 1/2	
Braving.....	6 1/2	
Domestic.....	6 1/2	
Surprise.....	6 1/2	
S. J. L. or S. B.....	6 1/2	
Tiger.....	6 1/2	
Yellow Rose.....	6 1/2	
" Linen Towel" for 30 bars, and 30 towels.....	6.00	
Half Braid.....	4	
Canada.....	4	
Imperial.....	4	
Herminie.....	3 1/2	
Brand.....	3	
Congress.....	3	
Brown.....	3	
Toilet 15 to 60c. per doz.....	11 1/2	

CANDLES, 6s. and 8s.....	11 1/2	
BISCUITS.		
Pilot Bread.....	2.00	to 2.50
Boston and Thin Family.....	6	to 7
S. J. L. or S. B.....	6	to 7
do. in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to cave.....	8	to 15
Fancy.....	8	to 15

CONFECTIONERY.		
Assorted 30 lb. Pails.....	12	
Royal Mixture.....	11	to 30
Lozenges.....	12	to 15
1 cent goods 14 lb. box.....	65	to 5
Ten per hundred.....	1.00	to 3.25
Brooms.....	1.00	to 3.25
Starch, Blue and White.....	9	
Prepared Corn.....	9	
BUTTER.		
Canadian new.....	16	to 20
August and Sept.....	15	to 20
CHERRIES.....	3	to 10
EGGS.....	30	to 40
Tobacco.....	30	to 40
Bright.....	40	to 45
Wacking per gross.....	3.00	to 4.00
Blackball.....	2.00	to 2.50
Pearl Blue.....	2.50	to 3.00

The above quotations are corrected by Mackintosh & Co., Jericho Warehouse.

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.		
Extra.....	none	
No. 1.....	6.00	
No. 2 large.....	3.50	to 3.75
No. 3 large.....	3.00	to 3.75
No. 3 small.....	1.75	to 2.00
Small.....	1.00	
HERRING.		
No. 1 Shore, July, No sales.....	2.75	to 3.00
August and Sept.....	2.25	to 2.40
No. 1 Round Shore.....	1.75	to 2.00
No. 1, Labrador.....	3.00	
ALBUQUERQUE.....	2.50	to 2.75
CORNFISH.....	2.40	to 2.50
Bank.....	1.90	to 2.00
Small.....	1.00	
SALMON, No. 1.....	9.00	
No. 2.....	7.50	to 7.75
No. 3.....	6.00	to 6.25
For city inspection, Shore inspection will not bring so much.....	6.00	to 6.25
HADDOCK.....	1.90	to 2.00
HANK.....	1.75	to 2.00
COD.....	none	
POLLOCK.....	none	
FISH OILS.		
Cod A.....	.35	to .36
Cod B.....	.25	to .29
Pale Seal.....	none	
HACK SCOUTING.....	45	to 50c. per lb.

The above are prepared by a reliable firm of West India Merchants.

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

APPLES, Gravenstein per bbl.....	2	to 10
" No. 2.....	1.75	to 2.00
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new).....	5.00	to 7.00
Manzanilla, Jamaica.....	2.50	to 3.00
Guava, per box.....	4.50	to 5.00
Cocoyana, per 100.....	4.50	to 5.00
Onions (barrels) per lb.....	3c	to 3 1/2c
Grapes, Almeria, keg.....	3	to 3 1/2
Figs, per bbl.....	3	to 3 1/2

The above quotations are furnished by C. H. Harvey, 10 & 12 Sackville St.

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our today's wholesale selling prices for cash within ten days after shipment.

Flour.		
Graham.....	8.25	to 8.50
Patent high grades.....	8.25	to 8.50
" Medium.....	4.50	to 4.75
Superior Extra.....	4.25	to 4.50
Lower grade.....	3.50	to 4.00
Oatmeal.....	4.00	to 4.75
Corn Meal—Halifax ground.....	3.10	to 3.25
" Imported.....	3.00	to 3.10
Bean per ton—Wheat.....	20	to 22.00
" " Corn.....	18	to 20.00
Shorts.....	22	to 24.00
Middlings.....	20	to 22.00
Cracked Corn.....	21.00	to 22.00
Corn.....	20	to 22.00
" Marley.....	21	to 22
Pea Meal per bbl.....	4	to 4.75
Food Flour.....	3.25	to 3.50
On per bushel of 34 lb.....	40	to 45
Marley.....	70	to 80
Peas.....	40	to 45
Corn.....	40	to 45
Hay per ton.....	12.00	to 14.00
Straw.....	1.00	to 1.50

A. GUNN & Co., 253 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. E. Mess, duty paid.....	12	to 12.50
" Prime.....	12.50	to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	12.50	to 14.00
" American clear.....	12.50	to 14.00
" T. Mess.....	12.50	to 14.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	12.50	to 14.00
" Prime Mess.....	11.00	to 12.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	12	to 12 1/2
" Case.....	12	to 12 1/2
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef (25c. per bbl.....	12	to 12 1/2
Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.		

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

No. 1 Wool Skins each.....	none	
Season lot.....	30	to 40
Salted and dry.....	30	to 40
Short Pelts.....	30	to 40
Wool, clean washed, per pound.....	12	
" unwashed.....	12	
Green Hides—Ox, inspected, No 1.....	7 1/2	
" " Do.....	7 1/2	
Salted Hides—Ox in Lots, No 1.....	7 1/2	
" " Cow.....	8	to 9
Calf Skin.....	30	to 35
" Do.....	30	to 35
Lambskins.....	20	to 25

The above quotations are furnished by WM. F. FOSTER, dealer in Wool and Hides, Connors' Wharf.

LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per m.....	25	to 28.00
" Merchantable, do do.....	14	to 17.00
" No 2 do.....	10	to 12.00
" Small, per m.....	8.00	to 14.00
Spruce, dimension good, per m.....	9	to 10.00
" No 2 do.....	8.00	to 9.00
" Small, do do.....	6.00	to 7.00
Hemlock, merchantable.....	3.00	to 3.25
Shingles, No 1, sawed, do do.....	1.00	to 1.25
" No 2, do do.....	1.00	to 1.25
" spruce, No 1.....	1.10	to 1.25
Lath, per m.....	4.00	to 4.25
Hard wood, per cord.....	2.00	to 2.25
Soft wood.....	2.00	to 2.25

The above quotations are prepared by a reliable firm in this line.

POULTRY.

Fowls, per pair.....	60	to 80
Turkeys, per pound.....	11	to 12
Ducks, each.....	10	to 12
Geese, per pair.....	60	to 70

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK.

Steers, best quality, per lb.....	4.00	to 5
Oxen.....	4	to 5 1/2
Fat Steers, Cows, Heifers light weights.....	3 1/2	to 4
Wethers, best quality, per lb.....	4	
Lambs.....	4	

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.