

Local Items.

Rev. Dr. Courtney, bishop-elect of Nova Scotia, will be consecrated at Halifax today.

The "Empire" quotes and comments our recent article on the Legislative Council.

The drift ice which has been jammed in our harbor for the past week and a half, after a strong resistance, made a start yesterday, and today the harbor is clear.

NEW LIGHT HOUSE.—D. T. McDowell, Esq., of Judge Intervale, to whom the contract for the erection of the McLennan Harbor Light House, Cape Breton County, has been awarded, has commenced work upon it.

The "Picton News" warmly congratulates the Sydney Town Council on their wise expenditure of money for educational purposes.

It is expected that a goodly number of young men and women will come from various parts of the island to compete for the prizes offered.

A case of "quintal croup in death" comes to hand from PEACEVILLE, even miles from Artich. Xavier Joyce died at the ripe age of 90 years last Saturday week, and on the following day, Sunday, his wife, also advanced in years, followed him. On Tuesday they were buried in the same grave.

BODY RECOVERED.—The body of Simon Bondroit, who was drowned on Tuesday week, was recovered on Wednesday. An inquest held and a verdict of "accidental drowning" returned. The report of yesterday's coroner's inquest on the upsetting of the boat was caused by a sudden lurch of Bondroit, consequent on the "kick" of the gun.

C. E. RAILWAY.—A despatch from Ottawa says that James Isbester, contractor on the proposed Cape Breton railway, who has just returned from his contract, says he hopes to see the entire road completed by the end of the year. Six hundred men are employed on the contract now, but this number is expected to be increased to fifteen hundred.

The "Picton News" says: Mr. D. H. Sutherland of Bay View, has been elected as Capt. Breton in the employ of the Short Line railway Co.—Capt. Donette, who was A. D. C. to General Middleton, his brother-in-law, during the North-West campaign and was severely wounded at Fish Creek, spent last Saturday and Sunday at Picton. Until he was Adjutant to the Mounted Infantry School at Winnipeg, but is now contractor engineer to Messrs. Isbester and Field of the Cape Breton Railway.

FAILURE IN SYDNEY.—McNeill Brothers, one of the chief mercantile firms in Sydney, have assigned. Liabilities \$300,000, assets \$200,000, but largely locked up and unavailable. The following are principal creditors: John Tobin & Co., A. & W. Smith, Smith Bros., Robert Taylor, F. W. Hoare and Jeremiah McNeill. The firm had three branches—East Bay, Irish Cove and Sydney. The liabilities are a combination of bank loans, overdrafts, and bills of exchange. Daniel and Neil McNeill. They have many sympathizers.

Concert at Sydney Mines.—The second concert given by some leading amateurs of Sydney Mines and North Sydney, was given in the Irish School, Monday, Thursday evening last. Although the number in attendance was not large as at their previous performances, the programme was generally considered to have been an improve- ment. The opening piece, "The Flower Fairies," was a new and original selection by Mrs. McMillan, and was played in her usual excellent style; a chorus "Hilber Fables" following. The "Old Brigade" which followed, was a very nice selection, and was sung by Mrs. Archibald, in such an excellent manner as to draw a hearty cheer from the audience. A pretty duet "When Morning Light is Dawning" was sung by Mrs. McMillan and Miss Kent. The two following pieces, "The Highlandman's Toast," by Mrs. McMillan and "Gypsy Scene from Frelosa" with Gypsy song, were repetitions, but of that kind well will be heard again, and were both de- servedly encored. The leading part in the latter was taken this time by Miss Kent and rendered in a manner creditable to herself and satisfactory to every one. A chorus "The Bohemian Girl" followed, and was sung by Mrs. Archibald, Mr. Wilford and "Bonnie Dundee" by Mr. Wilford. Mr. Wilford concluded the first part of the programme. The former leading song was sung very nicely and was well received. The second part of the programme was then commenced with "There's no Luck about the House" by Miss Stuart. The "sen- sory" singing in this was very praiseworthy. In the solo "And Lang Syne" done up in himself in the delivery and was deserving of a hearty encore. The tableaux which followed were beyond criticism, the Graces being the best feature given at any performance and reflecting credit upon the Sydney Mines. The Disgraced recalled to mind many a similar scene at which the people of North Sydney can gaze every night without cost. A French solo, "La Marchande de Fleurs," was sung in a faultless manner and deserved an encore. The solo "College Boy," was indeed very well sung, the applause of the audience being a test of its appreciation. The Scottish scenes which followed were of a very excellent nature, and were particularly the favorite of Prince Charles, which was one of the best pieces of the evening. The part of Flora MacDonald being taken by Miss Burchell. The song "Over the Sea" by Miss McRae, was deservedly applauded, clear voice, and well-voiced. The solo "Burns," which followed and the scene presented were exceedingly nice, particularly the "Graces of Scotland." The programme was very wide, and concluded with various nationalities, and concluded with "Scott's Hae," by Mr. W. Robertson, and which, although the last, not by any means the least successful number of the evening. The programme, did so with justice and skill. The solo "College Boy," which followed, deserved credit for the success of the evening. The HERALD to those people who so kindly furnished them with their teams. The programme was as follows:—

PART I.—"User Fritz," by Mrs. McMillan. Chorus "Hilber Fables," by Mrs. Archibald. Solo "The Old Brigade," by Mrs. Archibald. Duet "When Morning Light is Dawning," by Mrs. McMillan and Miss Kent. Chorus "The Highlandman's Toast," by Mrs. McMillan and Miss Kent. Gypsy Scene from Frelosa, with Gypsy song, by Mrs. Archibald. Chorus "The Bohemian Girl," by Mrs. Archibald, Mr. Wilford, and "Bonnie Dundee," by Mr. Wilford. Solo "College Boy," by Miss Stuart. PART II.—"There's no Luck about the House," by Miss Stuart. Solo, "And Lang Syne," done up in himself. Scene "The Graces." Scene "The Disgraced." Solo, "La Marchande de Fleurs." Scene: Meeting of Prince Charles Stuart and Jennie Cameron in the ball room. Solo, "College Boy." Scene: Flora MacDonald blinding herself to save Prince Charles. Solo, "The Bohemian Girl." Song with chorus "Over the Sea." Scene: Graces of Scotland, with Buras at the Plough. Solo, "Burns." Solo, "The Bohemian Girl." Song with chorus "There's no Luck about the House." GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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Stephen A. Tingley, Aspy Bay, has been appointed Justice of the Peace.

The regular meeting of the shareholders of Lakeside Cemetery in the City Hall on Monday evening, 23rd inst., 7 1/2 o'clock, C. P. report.

We have received a letter from "Dagmar" in reply to Rev. Dr. Murray's last issue, but are obliged to return it space owing to our former decision.

LABOR BOG.—Mr. James Cunn, of Sydney Mines road, has shown us a single yolk egg laid by one of his Black Spanish hens. The egg is 3 inches long and measures 6 inches in circumference. Next!

DEATH.—Frank S. Milbray, D. D. S., wishes to inform the people of Sydney that he will be in town on May 1st, to remain till 1st June. Owing to measure of business, he will return to North Sydney and will remain here till June 15th, after which he will visit Baddeck, where he will remain until July 1st.

1888. MARCH 1888.—"Do you want a Piano or any other musical instrument for the family use?" If so, don't fail to write Mr. John S. Jones, manufacturer, agent, 20, St. Granville St., who will send you anything you require in the most complete and perfect manner and on the most reasonable terms. Send for catalogue. Address 27 Granville Street, Halifax.

TOWN MEETING.—The annual meeting of ratepayers was held in court house yesterday afternoon, when the estimates were submitted and accepted without discussion. The Warden announced from the chair the safe arrival of the Annie C. Moore and the ladies of the committee, wrangling the case of Joseph Cook was brought up for agreement to retain him on condition of Sydney Mines paying for one half his keep. The question of railway was brought up and a committee appointed by the council to investigate the same. The committee reported that the railway was approved.

Y. W. C. A.—A package of cards from the Y. W. C. A. of Cow Bay, has been received at this office. They are for distribution and are for the benefit of the ladies of the Y. W. C. A. of Boston from Cape Breton and other parts of the province. The protection of young women from unprincipled men is the object of the Y. W. C. A. of Boston from Cape Breton and other parts of the province. The protection of young women from unprincipled men is the object of the Y. W. C. A. of Boston from Cape Breton and other parts of the province.

SEALING NEWS.—Arrived since our last issue: steamers Polaris, 7500; Leopard, 3000; from the Gulf, Island, 18000, and Wolf 7000 from the north. These arrivals bring good reports from the rest of the fleet, so that although the season which opened so promisingly will likely fall below the average. The last session of the Newfoundland Legislature passed an act which prohibited steamers sailing on a second trip after the 10th of April, and also an act which prohibited sailing on a second trip after the 10th of April, and also an act which prohibited sailing on a second trip after the 10th of April.

BAIT TO FISH IN NOVA SCOTIA.—Unusual activity prevails at Halifax and outports, owing to the fishing fleet. At the Lunenburg wharves the vessels are packed in tiers eight deep. Bait is very scarce and dear, and some Nova Scotia vessels have to go to Newfoundland to obtain a supply. The coast guard of that colony appear to be efficiently guarded against the French by three steam cruisers, and a French vessel has come all the way to Halifax, where it was captured by the coast guard.

WRECK OF THE HOLLONET.—A despatch from London, dated April 17th, says that the scho. L. Hollonet, Capt. Kerr, from Halifax via Sydney Point for Victoria, B. C., has been abandoned at sea. All hands were saved and were brought ashore. The schooner left Halifax on the 1st of November last. She was last reported at a place called Sandy Point, in the Straits of Magellan, on February 27th, with loss of anchors and chains, having been blown about by a gale. She was last seen on the 1st of November last. She was last reported at a place called Sandy Point, in the Straits of Magellan, on February 27th, with loss of anchors and chains, having been blown about by a gale.

ARRIVAL OF THE ANNIE C. MOORE.—Any fears which were entertained for the safety of the above vessel were dispelled yesterday by the receipt of the following telegram:—

W. H. MOORE, VICTORIA, B. C., April 24. Her arrival. Twenty-eight days around Horn. Who are how all.

CHAS. HACKETT. The above was most agreeable news to all pecuniarily interested in the vessel, which was one of the best pieces of the evening. The part of Flora MacDonald being taken by Miss Burchell. The song "Over the Sea" by Miss McRae, was deservedly applauded, clear voice, and well-voiced. The solo "Burns," which followed and the scene presented were exceedingly nice, particularly the "Graces of Scotland." The programme was very wide, and concluded with various nationalities, and concluded with "Scott's Hae," by Mr. W. Robertson, and which, although the last, not by any means the least successful number of the evening.

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THE LABOR COMMISSION.

The Labor Commission arrived in town on Monday and held their first session in Cape Breton in the City Hall, Sydney Mines, yesterday afternoon. The commission consists of: A. T. Freed, Hamilton J. Kelly, Portland, N. B.; W. A. Gibson, Ottawa; Michael Walsh, Halifax; W. Haggerty, Sydney Mines, and J. G. Murray, secretary. A number of witnesses in connection with the G. M. A. were examined, and valuable information elicited.

Richard Lockman, an employee of the G. M. A., was examined. Said he was a checker, appointed to look after the miners in Cape Breton. He was usually at the coal bank. Said a tub of coal contains 19 to 2000 lbs., and if containing any stone the company deducts one-half ton. Had nothing to do with making rules, but had objections were sometimes allowed. Never weighed the stone tubs to find quantity. A miner in course of a month would lose a ton of coal. Highest he would lose would be a ton, which was very seldom, some not losing any at all. When there is a fall of stone from the roof it is difficult to keep clear of it. Not a married man and hired a tenement and paid \$2.00 a month for it, and was comfortable. Paid 67 cts. for a load of pit coal. Thought some system of checking coal was necessary. Thought it would be possible to have a system to deduct the amount of stone without making such a large deduction.

John McNeil, miner, said he was paid 24 cts per ton in winter and from 21 to 25 in summer. Where coal was under 4 ft. 8.5 cts. extra was allowed. The coal was not of equal hardness, something extra was allowed when coal was hard, not for the distance from shaft. Greatest distance was a mile and a half. Not much coal in the mine; used open lamps on the faces. Deputies go in before the miners every morning. Ventilation was good and plenty fresh air. No loaders were employed, and preferred that system. Always worked there, and was satisfied. Men were paid once a month, and generally ran up accounts. A company kept a store, and the men generally dealt there, but could not get better bargains. No difference at store when men were "paid off." A man who went to the store with money had better value there. He worked 12 to 13 hours, quitting work when he thought proper. Had been 12 years in the mine, and made full the remaining 3. Made from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a day in winter and \$1.20 to \$1.40 in summer. Could earn \$300 or \$400 a year. Paid for powder, oil and rent, \$1.50 rent a month—2 rooms and kitchen. The ages of children working were from 12 to 15 years upwards. Were first put at the doors to help and gradually advanced. He belonged to P. W. A. A benefit society was connected with it. Miners had to pay \$2 for a set of 3 picks. Paid doctor 40 cts per month. Water supply was good.

H. B. Brown, manager, explained many things about the mine in the most satisfactory manner. In reference to the company's store he showed the reason why it was started. About 1877 there were only two or three people here who kept large stocks of flour, cornmeal, etc. About the coming of spring they would raise the prices and thus compel the miners to pay more than necessary for these articles. To remedy this a store was started and a large stock of flour and meal kept, with the result that prices were kept down. Kept other things also, but sold no lower than market prices and by which their prices were regulated. Said no partiality was shown to any one, and that the store was for the benefit of the miners and was not a speculation. In reference to the slack coal explained that in winter season, when coal was scarce, they were paid separately for the road and slack. In summer coal was scarce and they were paid for the slack coal. In winter season, when coal was scarce, they were paid separately for the road and slack. In summer coal was scarce and they were paid for the slack coal.

Underground manager Robertson was examined and gave much the same evidence. In reference to accidents to men walking on the road, he said that there were "man holes" every 40 yards, but that a man could hear the cars coming and get out of the way. Said that there was another road which was built for the use of the miners. The state of the pit was good. Other witnesses were examined, one of the engineers and a driver among the number. The former said he was satisfied with his position and wages. Would like shorter hours and less work, but did not complain. The driver who had gone in the mine as a small boy, said he had been in the mine for 30 years, and was now a foreman. Said majority of boys in pit could read and write. In answer to a question in reference to babies, said that only some of the boys were sober ones. Some surprise being expressed at this he said that boys half his age used to drink liquor.

They consider themselves as finding everything in connection with the G. M. A. most satisfactory, and feel that the underground management could not be better. They left this morning for Sydney and Glace Bay, where they interviewed the other collectors, after which they leave on Saturday for New Brunswick and then for Ottawa.

Address of Consolation. To Capt. and Mrs. J. W. BROWN, North Sydney. Dear Friends,—In the infinite wisdom and Providence of Almighty God disease and death has been permitted to enter your home—so estimable and fondly cherished member has been taken away, causing sorrow and sadness to fill your hearts.

It is in view of this sad, painful, and trying visitation that we, the officers and members of Cape Breton Division S. of T., desire to express our deep sorrow, and to convey to you our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in your sad and sore bereavement. We cannot realize the full measure of the grief and sorrow which fills you at present, because you are a father's, a mother's heart sorely pierced by only parents' hearts can feel the loss of a young man, who has been a blessing to all who knew him, and whose connection with our order was one of pleasant and happy intercourse.

Who we all mourn this sudden and unexpected bereavement in the home and fraternal circle, may we also learn the uncertainty of life, and be strengthened to submit in good hope through faith, and fast horses caused the tenderest ties of earth must be severed, let us rejoice to know that death itself will be finally destroyed, and that we shall meet in world where parting is no more, and where love and sympathy shall reign forever.

(Sgd) W. J. WILSON, W. P. A. G. MURRAY, H. S. FERRISSON.—At New London, March 29, Eliza Ferguson, wife of Angus Ferguson, postmaster, in the 5th year of her life. (California and Boston papers please copy.)

SEASONABLE GOODS, such as Fancy Trimmings, White Cottons, Hamburg Trimmings, Valenciennes Lace, Everlasting, Trench and Irish Edgings, in great variety and very cheap. VOUCHER BROS.—March 26, '88.

THE KAMPER SCHEME.—Mr. C. O. Perrell, of Montreal, who was associated with Kamper scheme to buy up the Intercolonial railway and start iron and steel works in Nova Scotia, says Mr. Kamper has failed to induce capitalists to take hold of his project, and the whole matter will have to be dropped.

RETRACTION. SYDNEY, April 15, 1888. To Miss JESSIE CLEMENS, Sydney, C. B. This is to certify that we know nothing that would justify the publication of the article in your issue of the 10th inst., and we hereby withdraw the article and we deny having spoken or published words to the effect that you were a prostitute. In furthering our wish we would give you a receipt for a defamatory notice against you, but we are sorry to do so, and regret the same most willingly.

We are yours, MRS. GEORGE F. MOFFATT, MRS. JOHN J. ALLEN, (North Sydney).

Notice of Tenders. SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the subscriber, will be received until the 15th inst. for the erection and fitting up of a GREEN HOUSE at Victoria Mines, Cape Breton. Conditions to be seen at the office of the subscriber, and the contract to be completed on the 1st day of May next. Plans and specifications may be seen at the residence of the parish priest, Holy Point. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. GEOFF DALEY, Secretary. Holy Point, C. B., April 15th, 1888.

Valuable Farm for Sale. A Grand Lake, six miles from Sydney, and three miles from Restrepo Mines. One Hundred and thirty acres of land, with a large and well situated house, near the station, and a large quantity of timber suitable for mines use. It is situated in the Intercolonial Railway, and is a very valuable property. Further information required may be obtained from the subscriber and agent. Terms to be seen at the subscriber and agent. Terms to be seen at the subscriber and agent.

Change of Time. A RICHMOND STAGES leave Baddeck at 11 A. M. instead of 10 P. M., and Westport at 11 P. M. instead of 10 P. M., and Sydney at 11 P. M. instead of 10 P. M. The same change will apply to all stages. J. ASH, Proprietor. Richmond, March 25, 1888.

OATS and POTATOES. From P. E. Island. Now selling from "Edy" at ARCHIBALD'S OLD WHARF. Both are in prime order and of good quality. Also on hand, a small lot of HEALY POTATOES, and choice TEA. For sale by JOSEPH SALTER, 414.

North American Life Assurance Co., of Toronto. HON. A. MacKENZIE, M. P., President. HON. A. G. JONES, Chairman Nova Scotia Board of Directors. J. F. STAIRS, Esq., Vice-Chairman. AGENTS: Geo. K. MacKeen, Sydney; John E. Burchell, North Sydney; A. W. McDermid, Port Hawkesbury; J. C. Bourinot, Sydney.

BY AUCTION, May 3rd. Thursday, May 3rd. At 11 O'clock a.m. House and land situated on the East side of the South-Front (so called) and known as THE IVEY PROPERTY.

House contains nine rooms. The land is about 1 1/2 acres. Sale positive. TERMS: 10 per cent. to be paid at time of purchase, balance within 20 days on obtaining the deed. D. A. SMITH, Auctioneer. North Sydney, April 18, 1888.

Wanted. A GRAB BAR O'CONNOR to take charge of a school district, No. 26, Point Edward. Applications to be sent to JOSEPH N. LEWIS, Point Edward.

A Big Fraud. THURTY years experience has taught me that different pills for different months of the year. One dollar will send you an address. I am now ready and anxious to send you a box of pills for the opening of the spring. These pills have been tested by many others on all the principal rivers from Halifax to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Success is guaranteed. C. V. GARRETT, 610 SYDNEY, C. B.

SEEDS. JUST RECEIVED. GARDEN AND FLOWER SEEDS. TIMOTHY, CLOVER AND AGRICULTURAL SEEDS. TO ARRIVE FIRST "ST. PIERRE."

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT 1886. THE following persons have applied for licenses in the District of Richmond County under the above act:—

SHOP LICENSES. DENING CAMPBELL, St. Peter's, in a building to be erected for that purpose, adjoining the shop at present occupied by him, on the main road from St. Peter's to Sydney Mines. MARY CATHERINE, St. Peter's, in a building in the town of St. Peter's, on the main road from St. Peter's to Sydney Mines. JOHN A. McLEOD, St. Peter's, in a building on the main road from St. Peter's to Sydney Mines. C. P. TERRILL, Richmond Co. Annual 12th April, 1888.

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CAPE BRETON'S COAL INTERESTS PROTECTED.

Hon. Thomas White's Funeral. NORTH SYDNEY'S BRANCH RAILWAY—CAPT. BURELLE'S NEW BOAT.

(Special to the Herald.) Ottawa, Ont. April 23rd. The act passed by parliament during the session of '79 offering to repurchase with Americans in natural products has been repealed, in so far as coal and coke is concerned. This has been done in the interests of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton mines, and shows the wisdom of sending representatives here favorable to the government. This act of the government guarantees continued protection to our mining industry, even should the Americans enter into reciprocal arrangements with Canada.

The funeral of the late Hon. Thos. White, minister of interior, took place yesterday. A special train conveying the members, senators, press men, and other friends to Montreal, left here yesterday morning and returned in the evening. The funeral was the largest ever seen here and both cities were in deep mourning. Never has the death of any public man in Canada caused such universal regret. At the opening of the House on Monday Sir John arose slowly to his feet, the galleries being crowded and every member in his seat. A death-like stillness prevailed, Sir John's eyes filled with tears and he sobbed audibly. Even his pocket handkerchief was insufficient to stay the flood of tears that flowed from the premier's heart and before he had uttered a word he broke completely down, took his seat and sobbed like a child. This was too much for the spectators and members, and there was hardly a dry eye in the chamber. The sight was the saddest ever witnessed in the Commons. Minister White was beloved by all. The House after a few touching remarks from Sir Hector and Mr. Laurier adjourned until this evening.

It is not of course known who Mr. White's successor will be in the government but there will likely be no appointment until after the session, when a reconstruction of the cabinet will take place.

Mr. Pope, minister of railways, will not likely ever again take his seat in the House, as he is completely broken down in health.

The death of Mr. White makes the ninth death in the house since the general election a little over a year ago. This is indeed significant.

Instructions will immediately be given contractors to go on with the branch railway into North Sydney as soon as the town decides about the route.

Capt. Burelle has purchased a steamer in New York to ply between Sydney and North Sydney. He is expected here to-day.

Dr. McKay, leader of the opposition in the Nova Scotia legislature, who has been here on business left last night for home.

DOMINION NEWS. Mr. John T. Wylie is a candidate for Mayor in University in opposition to Mayor O'Meara.

Ministers are warned that there will be no light on the west end of Sable Island until further notice, the bar being washed away.

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