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According to announcement, an entertain- ment under the auspices of the Belleisle school came off on Friday evening, March 22nd in aid of the distressed fishermen in our Province.

After a neat and appropriate speech from the Teacher, Mr. MacKinnon, the programme of the evening was proceeded with, which consisted of Dialogues, Recitations, music, and Readings.

At the close of the entertainment a collection was taken, which amounted to six dollars.

Gravelle, March 23rd, 1865.

Pate Despatches.

OTTAWA, March 19.

In reply to Hon. Mr. Holt, Sir John A. Macdonald laid before the Commons Mr. Galt's letter declining the mission to England as a representative of the Dominion in resisting the repeal negotiations.

Mr. Mackenzie thought it was necessary to send an envoy, but he thought that the choice made was an unwise one.

Mr. Blake made a strong speech stating that the Legislature in former Session had belied the professions made to the Maritime Provinces at the time of the Union.

The latest advices from Shanghai state that the civil war in Japan has resulted in the defeat of the Yeyoon, who after a disastrous battle with the combined forces of the Danzas, fled to Jeddo.

The French troops in the city of Rome have been reduced to a single brigade.

Mrs. Grant's Circassian Hair Restorer is the best thing of the kind in the market.

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connection with that I had for the purpose of doing away with its constitution in the House of Commons, it was not until the 1st of June, 1864, that it was passed.

Now, the hon. member for Liverpool spoke of it as a great triumph. My great grandfather, the person I have named, let the old American States on account of his loyal principles, bringing with him his slaves and household goods, and settled in that township, which he represented in this House, being elected to the first representative Parliament, and sat with some of your ancestors, Mr. Speaker, in the Legislature for the first time of his life, which was twenty-five years. Yet I am to be told that if I don't like Confederation I can go to the United States.

I ask permission to read to the House an extract from a paper expressing the opinion of Mr. McLaughlin, who is now Commissioner of Public Works in the Dominion Government. "In the Canadian Parliament of 1851 Mr. McLaughlin, stated that if the evils consequent upon the union of Upper and Lower Canada were not remedied, an alliance will be made between Upper Canada and the Northern States."

Mr. McLaughlin, however, that if we do not succeed in our attempt to bring the people of Nova Scotia to see that the Union is the only way to their salvation, they will be driven to the arms of the United States. I wish to speak of a gentleman who has been placed in charge of our fisheries, light-houses, breakwaters, &c. I mean the Hon. Peter Mitchell. Mark you, that gentleman holds that position justly in the eyes of the people of this Province. I do not know much about Mr. Mitchell; I desire he is a noble man, but I remember seeing the report of a trial that took place in Liverpool, in which he was involved.

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