Local News.

There is said to be fair sleighing just over the Mountain at Wentworth.

T. G. McMullen Esq., will commence sluicing deal shortly.

Blair McLaughlin of De Bert cut his foot very seriously with an axe one day quite recently.

Capt. C. E. Fulton of Folly Village and lady arrived home Wednesday last.

Butterflies at Folly Village and Mayflowers at Bedford are the present indications of Spring.

Six brakemen belonging to Truro were killed on the I. C. R., during 1888.

About eight hundred emigrants passed through Truro Sunday last for the North-West.

A large number of weeping willows will be transplanted in the Debert burying ground this spring.

Revd. Mr. Bool gave a magic lantern exhibition, in the Orange Hall, Debebert last Wednesday may evening.

Now come the days when the tramp plague is begins to be abroad in the land, seeking whose food he devour.

C. M. McElmon is engaged getting last and peg wood for Lewis & Sons peg factory Truro; he is obtaining it at Folly Lake.

Four years ago last Tuesday the Battle of Duck Lake, the first engagement in the late North-West rebellion took place.

Revd. Mr. Foster, Baptist minister, will shortly commence a series of revival services in connection with the church at Debert.

A full vote of all electors on the Dominion Franchise Act is required. Let none stay at home, and let all vote against the Scott Act.

It is said the Truro station will be removed to a position in the centre of the esplanade during the coming summer.

A son of Mr. Dan Ferguson got an ugly fall from an express wagon last Saturday morning, cutting his face badly.

Reports are in circulation that some new rum shops are to be opened. We have some 10 or 12 more now than the town can afford.

The new dynamo for the Arc-Light service at Truro, was expressed from Toronto, on Saturday last. It will be put in position immediately.

Thos. McLelan, son of Lieut. Governor McLelan, who is engaged in lumbering near Wentworth cut his foot very badly a few days ago with an axe he was using in cutting off a piece of slab.

Two large flocks of Wild Geese passed over here, one on Saturday evening and the other early Sunday morning. They were flying very low and going in a North-Easterly direction.

Now that the company has formed a fire brigade for the protection of their property against fire, why not call a meeting of the citizens and see what can be done in the same direction.

The Eureka Cricket Club held a meeting at the office of Gillis & Co., on Monday evening last and elected their officers for the coming season. They hold another meeting at the same place on Monday evening next.

Dr. Clay, Dentist, wishes to inform the good folks of this town that his stay (for this time), is drawing to a close. Parties wanting dentistry, will please make early engagements, as his time is pretty much all taken up now. Teeth extracted without pain. Office Furnace St.

The prospectus for the Londonderry Station Woodworking Factory is out and is meeting with grand success. Shares are $50 each and selling freely. The projectors propose to commence building first of April and will manufacture all kinds of furniture and building material. It is said Mr. Thomas Purdy of Westchester will be manager. He is also a large shareholder.

The Canadian Atlantic Steamship "HALIFAX," took 235 passengers from Halifax for Boston, Mr. W. P. Hayden, representing the above company gave a call at our office this week. The Halifax is a powerful steamer and runs 18½ knots an hour, is lighted by electricity, steers by steam, has electric call bells in state-room and is commanded by Capt. S. R. Hill. The Canadian Atlantic Line is growing popular. The greater portion of the travel by the S. S Halifax. Fares to Boston are $2.00. The company also issue through tickets to British Columbia, South and West. Passengers by Tuesday evening's train can go on board and sleep over night without extra charge. Parties leaving Nova Scotia should see that their tickets are by the Canadian Atlantic for Boston; Messrs Falconer & Durning are the Acadia Mines Agents, where any information can be had. S. S. Halifax, leaves Nobles wharf, Halifax, every Wednesday at 10 a. m.

DeBert Items.

Capt. Crowe and lady left for sea via Portland, Me.

Mrs. Ella McCulloch arrived home from Boston where she has been visiting her married daughters.

Sheriff Crowe was here last week arranging for the holding of the Scott Act repeal election.

Stephen Doyal received serious injury to one of his legs by being thrown down while leading a colt a few days ago.

FIRE AT HALIFAX.

THE BARRACKS INSIDE THE CITADEL PARTLY DESTROYED.

But seldom in the history of Halifax has the cry of fire aroused so much concern or created such a state of excitement as was experienced on Saturday evening, about 7.30 o'clock when the bells struck box 21. The sounding of the alarm at any time causes considerable interest, but when on a Saturday night, just at a time when the streets are thronged with people, the first alarm is in quick succession followed by a second calling out almost the entire fire department, it is not surprising tha there was a rush for the scene of the conflagration. Simultaneous with the pealing of the bells went up the shout "the citadel's on fire." This cry was spread with astonishing rapidity and from every point and every quarter faces were turned to that old fort, which stands in such a commanding position in the very centre of the city, and towering 288 feet above the harbor level, and from which ascended a pillar of flame. The fire had al eady assumed alarming proportions and being visible from almost everywhere the greater headway the flames made the greater was the hurry of the citizens to get to the spot. Rumors now began to spread, and "the powder magazine is on fire," "drunken soldiers are burning the fort down," "a riot in the garrison," and dozens of other such foolish stories had the effect of intimidating many who arrived at the foot of the hill for a time from ascending the glacis, but the response of the firemen was prompt and unhesitsting, and with them and their apparatus went up the hill citizens by the hundreds. At the draw bridge they were met by a guard who endeavored to keep all but the firemen from crossing, but their efforts were of no avail With a rush as if to storm the fort the people surged in and despite the military scores other than firemen gained admission, while some firemen were excluded.

The cause for any anxiety on the part of the soldiery is not so apparent, as knowing well the almost fireproof qualities of the main portion of the building no alarm for its safety was called for and the loss of the top story, which was well know to be the only part which could burn, would be trifling. But at each end of this building, and not at any great distance from it, is situated a powder magazine, either one of which contains sufficient of the explosive, if it all went off at once, to blow the fort and all within to atoms, and enough if they ignited at the same time to shake the city from end to end.

On the slopes of the hill and all around the outer edge of the moat were thousands of people who, though they dreaded being there, were held to the spot by the very fear which should have kept them away. The popular though unfounded rumor was that every moment the magazine was expected to explode, as the fire had heated its stone walls and wet blankets piled upon it had to be continually soused with water. This was spread all through the city and the cases were not few where people were so greatly alarmed that they deserted their houses. Thousands of people afraid, though longing to go nearer the scene, took up vantage places in all parts of the city, and in some localities, where a good view could be had, it was almost impossible, for those desiring, to get through the throngs assembled. The whole city was enveloped in smoke and the flames could be seen from everywhere.

It was the maiden effort of the new steamer and it gave absolute satisfaction.

Of the many funny situations was one when about 50 soldiers ran out the gate at the double quick for some hose at the central engine house. Seeing them in such a hurry to get out the crowd wanted to know what was the matter. A waggish soldier replied that the magazine had caught and immediately there was a spontaneous stampede the people on the hill running for dear life.

SPRING IS COMING.

George Brown contributed a valuable curiosity to the *Island Reporter* museum the other day when he brought to the office half a dozen live pollywogs in a glass case. He says that he found them in a small pond at his place nearly two weeks ago when cutting a hole through the ice to get his cow some water. He had never seen the creatures alive so early in the season before. The old Indians who saw them said that it was a good sign of an early spring. The creatures are still alive and flourishing and their development is daily watched. In fact we expect to raise some frogs to beat Mark Twain's famous jumper. If any other editor can boast of pollywogs picked in the month of February, we want to know.

Truro News Notes.

Business is livelier.

Your paper is a very newsy one.

The newspaper mania shows little signs of subsidence.

It has taken a good while; but the *Sun* has at last given evidence of self improvement.

The New Glasgow *Enterprise* is now denominated the "dude" on account of its self conceit and other weak evidences of an aqueous management.

At a lecture last Thursday night before the Raft, Rev. W. B. Hinson, in replying to a vote of thanks moved by ex-Mayor Craig and seconded by ex-Mayor Eaton told a story of a New York lecturer, who in bidding a casual acquaintance, whose name he did not know, adieu, in the presence of a large number of citizens of the Bourbon state, said, "Good bye Colonel, good-by," and was overwhelmed when fifty ex-Colonels sprang forward to echo the sentiment. Truro, said Mr. Hinson, had more ex-Mayors than any other town in his experience.

A rather amusing and very successful practical joke was played upon the principal of the Normal school, a number of the students, and a very worthy citizen and wife of Bible Hill. Last Thursday a letter was received by the principal which bore an invitation to all students of the School, in the habit of attending the Baptist church, to become the company to tea and an evenings entertainment at the residence of a Bible Hill citizen who is a strong adherent of the Baptist denomination. Mr. Calkin read the letter to all the students in the Assembly room of the school the same aftern on, and remarked that the invitation was so given because Mr. A. and his wife were not acquainted with the names of the parties they wished to meet, and no other feasible method suggested itself to their minds. The worthy principal dwelt upon the hospitality, luxury and other evidences of a generous home and more generous host and hostess, remarking that he was sorry he was not a Baptist, so great a treat did he believe was in store for the friends of that faith. So far so good. The adventitious evening (last Friday) arrived, and forty or fifty (both regular and occasional) attendants of the designated church, meandered in couples or quartettes to the handsome residence of Mr. A. Imagine their surprise and indignation to find that their pseudo host and hostess had gone to prayer-meeting, that they know nothing of the invitation, which was bogus, and was probably gotten up by one of the rival students of another denomination. The broad grin which settled upon the faces of the assembled multitude last Monday morning is said not yet to have relaxed. It was a funny hoax and a clever one.

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Because the whole of their Assets, amounting to over $10,000,000 are Invested in the soil of the country, which is earning 6½ per cent per annum thus assisting to build up this young and glorious country.

Because the Premiums are lower than those of Uncle Sam's Companies.

Because their Policies are liberal and free from technicalities, and incontestable after three years, and their profits are larger than those of our neighbors.

Because they neither compromise their claims or go into litigation, therefore they have no resisted claims on their books.

THE REASONS WHY CANADIANS SHOULD NOT INSURE IN YANKEE COMPANIES.

Because their Premium Income amounting to $1,400 000, leaves this country yearly, and experience shows that only one-third of this sum is returned to meet their scalp death losses and matured endowments.

Because they have but $1,500,000, in this country, which is in Yankee Bonds earning nothing for the benefit of this country, whereas their total liabilities are nearly twice he above amount, based on H. M. table with 4½ per cent. interest.

Because their Policies are ironclad and full of technicalities, thus placing them in the position at all times to evade payments as will be seen from the Dominion Government Reports that the Yankee are the only Comyanies that resist claims.

Many have become alive to the facts, for since 1872 the increase of the business in Canadian Life Companies has been over ten times that of the Yankee Chmpanies doing business here.

PROVINCIAL.

At Halifax on Thursday over $20,000 was collected in customs duties.

Colin McGillivray has been killed at Spokane Falls, W. T., by falling from a bridge.

The other night a burglar entered Mr. Jas. McLeod's premises at Charlottetown and stole over $50.

The contract for supplying boots and shoes to Canadian letter carriers has been awarded to the Pictou Boot & Shoe Co.

A bill from Fredericton is before the legislature, providing for the nominations of civic candidates one week before polling day.

Charlottetown harbor is open and it is said the captain of the Stanley has orders to run there instead of to Georgetown as soon as he deems it abvisable.

Two men broke into McLean's store at Mount Uniacke, N. S., Saturday night. They were captured on the track making for Halifax and brought to that city.

An aged lady named Mrs. Kerr, of Cariboo, Pictou Co., fell recently breaking her leg and sustaining other injuries which resulted in her death a few days since.

The schooner Vivian, Capt. McPhee, reports that on the 6th of March when between Halifax and Porto, Ferdinand Renarde Colored, fell overboard and was lost.

Elgin Div., S. of T., has appointed a committee to confer with other temperance organizations with a view to the better enforcement of the Scott Act in Albert county.

The customs officer at Manan has seized the American fishing schooner W. A. Toye, for landing a dory from her vessel without reporting to the authorities or paying duty on the same.

John O'Brien has been arrested at Windsor, N. S., charged with burglarizing Walter Brown's store at Wolfville. Thirty stolen knives and two stolen revolvers were found on him.

Malcolm McConnell's dwelling house at Long Creek, P. E. I., was destroyed by fire one morning recently. The family escaped in their night clothes. None of the furniture was saved. There was no insurance.

Freeman Milton, while attempting to remove a slab from a saw in the mill at Beach Hill, Hillsboro, had his clothes caught by a bolt head on the main shaft of the mill and in a flash was completriy divested of his lower clothing.

CANADIAN NEWS.

A large number of cases of measels are reported from London West, Ont.

Alume has been found in British Columbia in large quantities.

The Chicago murderess, Trascott has been captured at Lake Winnipeg, about 200 miles out from Winnipeg.

The discovery of iron deposits within about twelve miles of Calgary, coupled with coal in another direction not far away from the town, has caused the ambitious capital of Alberta to indulge in dreams of future greatness as the iron manufacturing centre of the vast North-West. Clay, lime and fire clay, too, are said to be convenient, so that there will be every facility for starting operations as soon as circumstances will permit. The Calgary *Tribune* strongly urges the citizens to combine in boring to ascertain whether the coal bed underlies the town and to find what other resources, such as gas, lie buried beneath the surface.

UNITED STATES.

The Standard bagging factory at Stoddard avenue, corner of 18th street was burned at St. Louis Mo., 23 One woman lost her life. The concern was a group of old buildings with very little fire protection Upon the cry of fire the wildest panic seized amongst the 200 employes—mostly girls. A rush was made for a narrow stairway, Before half of them could escape they found themselves cut off by the heat and smoke. The few men employed in the building succeeded in leading the panic stricken girls through the smoke and flames to where they could drop out to low adjoining buildings. All were saved with the exception of Ada L. Brecht, who was found afterwards horribly burned. Chgrles Gufran, a middle aged man, worked so long at getting the girls out that he had to jump from a third story window. He was terribly injured, but will not die.

FOREIGN.

Sir Thomas Gladstone, Baronet, is dead, aged 85. He was the only surviving brother of Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone.

In the House of Commons London Mar. 19, Mr. Gladstone announced that the government intended to appoint a committee to enquire into the whole subject of emigration.

In the House of Commons, London, Mar. 19, the Right Hon. Sir James Ferguson announced that certain serious questions between England and the Sultan of Morrocco had not been settled. A portion of the British Channel squadron had consequently gone to Tangier.

In a speach at Watford London Mar. 19. Lord Salisbury stated that nothing short of a vote of want of confidence would bring the government to a permanent end. He said he would not discuss the forged letters or the accusation against the Irish leaders now before an eminently competent and impartial tribunal. The government had no interest in the letters.

ONE of the reasons why *Scott's Emulsion* has such a large sale is, because it is the best. Dr. W. H. Cameron, Halifax, N. S., says "I have prescribed *Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites*, for the past two years, and found it more agreeable to the stomach and have better results from its use than any other preparation of the kind I have ever used." Sold by all Druggists, 50c. and $1.00 and Thos. E. Akins, Acadia Mines.

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Oysters served in every style.
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In fact a regular go-as-you-please in the grub line. TEMPERATE drinks of all kinds at,

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Building Hardware, Farming Utensils, Carriage Bolts Zinc, Sinks, Pumps, Coal Hods, Crockery, Glass, Silver and Earthen-ware. Cutlery, Fire-arms & Amuniation. Shot & Powder Bags, etc., etc.

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