P. E. I. LETTER.

Latest News from the Garden of the Gulf.

The Old, Old Story of the Winter Service—Recent Marriages and Deaths—Religious, Political and Personal Matters.

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CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 29.—Both our winter steamers are now plying on usual Charlottetown and Summerside are both in the throes of indignation because their respective routes have been deserted. As in all other years, there is the same fault-finding and our local papers fill columns of their space in writing about that of which they are entirely ignorant. The boards of trade, too, are passing resolutions by the votes of many who do not cross in the winter steamers once in five years. all of which has ceased to be of any interest either to our people or to the government departments. It is not resolutions that our people desire, neither is it condemnation of our captains on the part of the press. It is rather the placing of the responsibility captains of our winter steamers are de- returning from Ottawa. ceiving the people. Let these inspectors be men with a practical knowand their places filled by more com-This is the only radical petent men. say that the Charlottetown and Summerside routes cannot be navigated. The citizens of each place say these routes are navigable, and until demonstrated otherwise, the burden of proof must rest with those who talk and

write beside their cosy firesides. Much regret is felt here on the death of Mrs. McDonald, wife of Alexander McDonald, late vice president of the Standard Oil Co., and owner of the beautiful summer residence at Dalvay, at Tracadie Beach, P. E. I. During the past eight years, with one exception, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have spent the summer here, and they were held in highest esteem by our people.

Two interesting engagements are announced of Charlottetown young ladies, viz.: Enid McLead, eldest A. McLean, to Charles Plummer Hill of Winnipeg; also Maud Lilian Bremner, now of the teaching staff of South Africa, and daughter of Benjamin Bremner of Charlottetown, to Major John de Castilla of the South African Constabulary, headquarters Kroonstadt, O. R. C., South Africa.

Christmas day passed off quietly in Charlottetown. The skating rink was very largely patronized. A commendable feature of the day was the visiting of about 90 homes, representing 300 poor children, all of whom were made books, dolls, toys, etc. This good work praise cannot be given for their kind- Rogers, Dr. Anderson. Mr. Palmer man; recitation, Byron Alexander; Armour's restaurant by one of our probest December trade for years.

good form mentally and physically. Mrs. Stonlake is the mother of Mrs. most position as engineer in a Spanish ing officers were elected for the en-Ryan, wife of the late Conductor Ryan of Charlottetown. The nuptial knots tied during the

past few days include: Milburn Dixon of Little Sands and Ida MacMillan of Wood Islands: James L. McDuff of Brookfield and Annie M. Coles, also of Brookfield; Thomas W. Lowther and Clara L. Robertson, both of Montague; James W. P. Jenkins of Webster's Corner and Ella Mary Clark of Clarke-Catherine M. Annear of Montague: Bertram R. Brown and Clara J. Vessey, both of Little York; A. S. Mc-Leod and Mrs. Thomas Phillips, both of Montague; W. Herbert Champion of Alberta and Lizzie B. Webb of O'-Leary: George I. Beck of Murray Har-South and Annie Rosella Campbell of Lower Montague: John Mountain and Annie L. Coughlin, both of Darnley; Ambrose Hynes and Mary Ellen Cahill, both of Montague; A. D. Mc-Arthur and Christina M. McLean, both of Long Creek. Marriages of Islanders residing elsewhere include: In Pic- McInnis of Bedeque, aged 18; Mrs. W tou. Albert R. Brown and B. S. Delou-Glasgow, N. S., William G. McFarlane aged, 17; Flora Ellen Smith of Charand Jennie Flynn, both of Charlotte-Stone and Bessie Matheson, formerly

Rev. F. S. Coffin has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Georgetown, and owing to ill health will retire from active ministry for a time. He will spend the winter in Toronto, where he will take a course in the university. Mr. Coffin is a son of aged 86; Ellie and Ambrose Goodwin Edwin Coffin of Charlottetown. His place will be filled for a few months John Harrington of Hope River, aged by Rev. George C. Robertson, one of 79; Daniel Vaniderstine of Peters Road. leading Presbyterian clergymen. Mr. Robertson has supplied the pulpit Argyle, aged 19; Thomas Lynch of Inof Zion church, Charlottetown, with verness; Simon McEachern of Alliston, much acceptance during the last two aged 88; Mrs. Neil McLenzie of Gas-Sabbaths.

Al. Hyndman, son of C. A. Hyndman of Charlottetown, is recovering Stewart of West Point, aged 65; Alexfrom an operation for appendicitis in ander McFadyen of Rice Point, aged

nection with the Dominion Packing here include James Burhol at West-Company and will conduct a business boro, Mass., formerly of Alexandra

Emerson & Fisher of St. John, has ces McInnis in Oakland, California, taken a position in Paton & Co.'s fur- formerly of Travellers' Rest, aged 22; niture department.

Georgetown, has won a first class cer- Hugh Fraser in Vancouver, formerly against the Bath iron works. Welch which has not occurred for four centificate with special mention in six of Charlottetown; Mrs. Frank True in was employed as a laborer in making turies. Even the Gregorian calendar subjects in the military school at Freeport, Maine, daughter of George an excavation, and his pick struck a is not perfect, for our civil year is 22 Shoeburyness, England. He is expect- Rackham of Charlottetown, aged 26; hidden piece of dynamite that had not seconds longer than the solar year. As ed home in a day or two.

Edward Island presented Conductor John McDonald and Baggage Master A. F. Clarke in Boston, forerly of Sum-John Hughes with a platform rocker and a Morris chair respectively in recognition of their services as a delegation to Moncton recently, in connection with the increase of pay to rail-

way employes. At the municipal elections in Calgary, N. W. T., last week, John T. onald, formerly of Montague, was elected at the head of the poll an alderman for Ward 1. Mr. Macdonald led his nearest competitor by 22 votes. T. A. McLean of Charlottetown has the contract for laying eighteen miles of water pipe for the Springhill water works.

Wellington Dixon, the new rector of the Montreal High Schools, has been appointed to succeed Rev. Principal Rexford, the retiring rector, as governor's fellow at McGill.

holidays at her home in Harcourt, N. old home in Avondale to visit his mo-Judson of Alexandra, returning to St. George, N. B., where he is in the buildthe Georgetown-Pictou route. And as ing business; Fred Nowland of Charlottetown, to reside in Brandon; Josie Carroll of Charlottetown, on return to Boothby Surgical Hospital; May Stewart, to visit her brother, Malcolm Stewart, of Sussex: Miss A. M. Ross, matron of the P. E. Island Hospital, on a visit to Montreal; John Weatherbie, of Vernon River, on a trip to California; Constance Fitzgerald, to reside in New York: J. R. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, on return to Lisbon, North Dakota. Parties coming to the province Include Waldo Gardiner and O. Gardiner, with their wives, from Minnesota, to spend a few weeks: Mrs. Stephen Schurman, of Terrell, Texas, to visit her sister, Miss Janetto McPhail of Summerside, who is seriously ill; Harry Tidmarsh, of the Royal Bank of Canupon some indfvidual or a committee, ada, at Bathurst, to spend his holiif need be, who would by practical days with his parents here; Mrs. Sulmeans ascertain whether or not the livan, wife of Chief Justice Sullivan,

The citizens of Summerside have invited Captain Cameron of the str. ledge of our winter navigation, for we Northumberland, to be the guest of the have several such men. Then if these town for a week or two at the Clifton by the rector, Rev. Alfred Bareham, captains are found to be deceiving the House. They are making every propeople, let them be removed at once vision for his comfort. Such an act remedy. For as it is now our captains | themselves. The best business men of the Temperance Hall. The chair was arrangement. A Murray Harbor North syndicate

Senator Adams of Ontario. The animal is a very fine one. Lainnie Batcheldor of Souris West, was drowned there recently. He fell

when going ashore.

Fred Murphy har keeper at Harry prohibitory law. John Collins for a seond offence was fined \$200 and costs. Margaret Connolly, for first offence, was fined \$100 or two months. Souris recently Captain A. R. McDon-The Temperance Alliance of Summer-

January. The funeral of the late Charles Pallottetown on Thursday next, the rewas carried on by the boys' branch of Justice Sullivan, Judge Hodgson, J. T. Shall We Bring; recitation, The Snowthe Y. M. C. A., to whom too much Mellish, Dr. J. T. Jenkins, Benjamin birds, Ella Haslam; solo, Maude Chap-estait shall hae liberte to bespeke ye ly thoughtfulness. Another feature was with his daughter and nurse left here chorus, Have You Heard the Voice of the feeding of many poor children at late in the autumn, hoping that a win- God; recitation, Douglas Gregg; music, mulcted in ye sum one poundis or less minent citizens. Merchants report the Palmer was Charlottetown's oldest law- tion, Signs of Christmas, yer. He held several positions of trust and responsibility and was in every Spring. On New Year's day Mrs. Stanlake of Summerside will celebrate her one respect a good citizen. He leaves two hundredth birthday. She is still in sons and four daughters. The sons are mine, William Palmer, lately appoint-H. James Palmer and Mrs. John A.

May and Ethel. Hon, Benj. Davies, father of Sir Louis Davies, is seriously ill. News has been received of the death of Mrs. D. Reverie Laird at Hamilton, Ont. Deceased was a daughter of the town; Everett Ives of Kensington and late Peter Gunn, formerly school in- Mrs. Wm. Kerr have gone to Montreal, spector of this province. Mr. Laird is where Mr. Kerr is being treated for a son of Hon. David Laird, now In-

Longworth of this city, and Misses

dian commissioner at Winnipeg. Two engines collided at Summerside few days ago. No one was injured. but the engines were somewhat dam-

aged. The death roll here this week includes: Colin McManus of Desable, aged 84: Chas. McLeod of Lindale. aged 80; Geo. A. Harvie of Charlottetown, aged 63: Mrs. Hugh Steele of Gaspereaux, aged 34; Ann Connors of Charlottetown, aged 58; Bernard D.

W. Stumbles of Charlottetown, aged formerly of Georgetown; in New 80; Jessie Harvey of Cape Traverse. lottetown, aged 20; Dominic Chaisson in Boston, Charles Leonard of Tignish, aged 74; Joseph Polland of Charlottetown, aged 57; Mrs. Robert McLeod of Rocky Point; Mrs. Alex. McFadven of Inverness, aged 44: Mrs. Lemuel Wood of Alexander; Richard McAteey of Charlottetown, aged 22; Artemus Wadman of Crapaud, aged 67; John Johnstone of Cardigan, aged 50; John Dickleson of Wilmot Valley, aged 66; Donald McEachern of New pereaux, aged 48; James Edward Perkins of Albany, aged 36; Mrs. Phillip 42; George Leard of Leardtown, aged W. J. Haddlesey has severed his con- 75. Deaths of Islanders not residing John A. King, in New York, formerly Harry McKie, lately a traveller for of Charlottetown, aged 31; Mary Fran-Mrs. John Mullin in East Boston, for-Sergt, Edmund Hession, a native of merly of Charlottetown, aged 26; Wm.

hood of Railway Trainmen of Prince 26; Wm. Shea in Chatham, N. B., for- LEAP YEAR COMES merly of Summerside, aged 67; Mrs. merside.

A very pretty church wedding took

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place in Holy Trinity church Thursday at 5.30 p. m., when the Rev. Alfred Bareham, rector, in the presence of a large congregation united in the bonds of holy matrimony Emma Blanche Henry of St. Martins and Robert Thompson Bowland of Sydney, C. B. The bride, who was unattended, becomingly gowned in cream colored cashmere, with silk and lace trimmings, and hat to match, carrying a looked very lovely indeed as she entered the church leaning on the arm of safe. In the eighteenth century his her cousin, George Tracy, who gave danger was real enough, although he her away. The groom awaited her at could always escape his fair admirer the altar, and as the last strains of by tempering his refusal with a silk the hymn, The Voice That Breathed gown and a kiss. He might also plead Parties leaving our province of late O'er Eden, ceased, the happy couple a prior engagement, and the court include Marion Matheu, to spend her were made one. After the ceremony would accept this excuse. He could B.; Peter O'Keefe, on return to Brook- they left the church as the organ played not, however, treat with contumely lyn, N. Y., having been called to his a wedding march, proceeding to the the young woman who laid her heart ther, who is seriously ill; Raymond G. was daintily served. Remaining here year, a book published in London, 1606, some beautiful presents.

> ment of the Baptist Sunday school on the time it continueth of making love, Thursday evening was a success. The either by wordes or lookes, as to them safety dissolve parliament at an early tree looked very beautiful, having been it seemeth proper; and moreover no decorated by the teachers, and con- man will be entitled to benefit of clergy tained confectionery and fruit for the who doth in any wise treat her propupils. ing of songs and recitations by the pupils, preceded the undressing of the tree by the teachers. At the close the superintendent, A. W. Fownes, on behalf of the teachers and officers, preend, with a handsome teacher's Bible the popular Irish saint with the inno- dates could not have hoped to carry. and Mrs. Townsend with a parlor and from the teachers and members of snakes from the grass of the Emerald tests, moreover, local issues were inlamp. The pastor then took the chair, the Bible class presented the superintendent with a copy of Peloubet's along the shore of Lough Neagh. To reference to a preferential tariff need Notes for 1904. Suitable replies were him in great distress came the comely have been drawn from the result had they were supposed to represent, such the manufacture of aerated water. Up made by the recipients.

A watch-night service of deep soland largely attended. On New Year's eve the Presbyterian

is a marked commendation both to Sunday school held their annual genial captain and to the citizens Christmas tree and entertainment in Patrick was touched by the pathos of Summerside are on the committee of taken at 7.30 by the superintendent, and a programme as follows well rendered: Chorus, Merry Bells of Christhas bought an English thoroughbred mas Time; address, Rev. D. Stewart; stallion, imported from England by recitation, Lizzie Black; reading, Lottie Carson; recitation, Harry Branscombe; reading, Jack Marr; recitation, Belle Campbell; solo, D. Stewart; recibetween a schooner and the bridge Skillen; recitation, Frank Davidson; chorus, Crown Him King; God Save the King. The good things with which Connolly's and William McGann, bar the tree was so bountifully laden were keeper at Andy Doyle's, have each been then dispensed among the children. A St. Bridget, minded of her own hustime enjoyed.

MT. MIDDLETON, KINGS CO.

MT. MIDDLETON, Kings Co., Dec. Bridget a silk gown. ald, M. J. Foley, B. G. McLellan and 29.-On Christmas eve a very successful entertainment and costs for violation of the Scott Act. | was held in the hall by the members The proof the Sunday school. side has passed a resolution asking that gramme was as follows: Opening chorthe prohibitory law be brought into op- us, Hark, What Mean Those Holy be held in Summerside on the 13th of Claus, Gracie Chapman; music, Home, Sweet Home, Jean Kennedy; dialogue, Christmas, by nine children; chorus, mer, K. C., will take place in Char- Rejoice All Ye People; reading, Mrs. Wm. Kerr; music, Christmas Time is mains having arrived here yesterday Come Again; recitation, Annie Hasfrom Florida, where the death occur- lam; recitation, Christmas Eve, Violet red. The pall-bearers will be Chief Gregg; chorus by children, What Gifts ter south would benefit his health. Mr. | Christmas Bells are Ringing; recita-

Mt. Middleton Division, No. 318, S. of T., has initiated eleven new members Robert Palmer, who occupies a fore- during the past quarter. The followsuing quarter: Samuel Haslam, W. P.; ed superintendent of agriculture in Ida B. Kerr, W. A.; Annie R. Chap-South Africa. The daughters are Mrs. man, R. S.; Chesley Killam, A. R. S.; Wm. Kerr. F. S.: J. W. Chapman, Treas.; Lelia Sharp, Chap.; Will. Sharp, Con.; G. Arthur Chapman, A. Con.: Violet Gregg, I. S.; George T. Killam, O. S.; Geo. E. Hornbrook, P W. P. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Killam are in St. John spending the holidays. Mr. and

> his eyes by Dr. Buller. OLD-YEAR MEMORIES.

Let us forget the things that vexed and tried us, The worrying things that caused our souls hopes that, cuedenied us, that, cherished long, were still

Let us forget the little slights that pained greater wrongs that rankle sometimes yet; The pride with which some lofty one dis-

Let us forget our brother's fault and failing, The yielding to temptation that beset, That he perchance, though grief be unavail-Cannot forget. But blessings manifold, past all deserving,

Kind words and helpful deeds a countled The fault o'ercome, the rectitude unswerving, Let us remember long. The sacrifice of love, the generous giving friends were few, the hand-clasp

When friends were warm and strong,
warm and strong,
The fragrance of each life of holy living
Let us remember long. Vhatever things were good and true and gracious, Whate'er of right has triumphed over

wrong, What love of God or man has rendered precious, Let us remember long. So, pondering well the lessons it has taught

We tenderly may bid the year "Good-bye," Holding in memory the good it brought us, Letting the evil die. GIVEN \$5,000 DAMAGES FOR EYE much, and would amount to 12 days by

AND HEARING. PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 30.-The full year fell in a centurial year it should ed by a Cumberland county jury four | 1600 was a leap year, but 1700, 1800, and years ago in the trial of a suit for 1900 were not, so that those who are Angus M. McInnis in Winthrop, Mass.. been exploded. He lost an e-e and his this only amounts to a day in 3,866 On Saturday evening the Brother- formerly of Commercial Cross, aged hearing was permanently affected,

Continue to the continue to the

ONCE IN FOUR.

(Toronto Empire.) About leap year there clings a wealth of legend and superstition, mingled oddly with a mass of the most obtruse science. The theme has been a delight o girls and astronomers for hundreds of years. The former it gave a chance of marriage, the latter an opportunity to air their knowledge. Of late, however, the popular custom of asking for husbands has been sinking into oblivion, until nowadays the eligible bachouquet of roses and maiden hair fern, elor need not approach the year 1904 with trepidation. He is comparatively

bride's home, where a wedding supper and hand at his feet. Speaking of leap for the New Year, they will then pro- says: "Albeit it nowe became a part ceed to their future home in Sydney, of the common lawe in regard to so-C. B. The bride was the recipient of cial relations of life that as often as every leap yeare doth return, the The Christmas tree and entertain- ladyes have the sole privilege during A short programme, consist- posal with slight or contumely."

ST. PATRICK AND ST. BRIDGET. The origin of this quaint custom is church New Year's eve, presided over the nunnery because its inmates were and Lord Goshen (the two last named cess being discovered by an English between 200 and 300 forms of bottless (It is to be noted that at this period, celibacy, though advocated, was not insisted on among the clergy.) St. the situation in the convent, and generously offered to set apart one day in seven years, on which women might propose. At this St. Bridget threw her arms about his neck, crying:

"Arrah, Patrick, jewel, I dourn't go back to the girls with such a proposal!" Now, although St. Patrick was a holy man, he was human, after all, tation, Alice Taylor; reading, Miss and, yielding to the pleasure of the embrace, he exclaimed:" Bridget, acushla, squeeze me that way again, and I'll give you leap year, the longest year in the lot." Thus encouraged, fined \$100 and costs for violations of the large number were present, and a good bandless condition, promptly proposed to St. Patrick. He, however, had imprudently taken vows of celibacy, and had to sorrowfully decline. As a token of his regret, he gave St.

LAWS FOR LEAP YEAR.

sion. Fortunately those who believe tion. Shrewd observers give much port, and what costs you be. that girls should be permitted to do tion. Shrewd observers give plies now to Charlottetown alone. A chorus, Deck the Hall with Boughs of convention to discuss the matter is to be held in Suppresside on the fact that the former lookes, recitation, by sadic mastain; that girls should be permitted to do weight to the fact that the former conservative majority was less reduced quack." After Priestley's discovery conservative majority was less reduced quack." tradition for precedent. In the statutes in Lewisham, which is largely inhabitof several countries are to be found ed by workmen, than it was in Dul- apparatus for aerating water without in Scotland, 1288, is worth a literal clerks. It seems a fair inference that ley practised it. quotation. It runs as follows:

the rein of her maist blissit megeste, that the adoption of Mr. Chamberlain's for ilk yeare knowne as lepe yeare, ilk plan would increase the price of a loaf mayden ladye of bothe highe and lowe of bread. as his estait may be; except and awis- | fect of the innovation on our own na-Andrew gif he can make it appeare that he Haslam; chorus, The Bright Day is betrothit ane ether woman he then

shall be free." Not many years later a similar law was passed in France, and received the that we, having long been protectionking's approval. It is also said that ists, cannot, with any show of consisbefore Columbus set forth on his famous voyage the girls of Florence and Genoa had sought and obtained the empire. We should not dream of obsame privilege. In England the law jecting to the acceptance of protecwas unwritten, but none the less stringent for all that. In New England, too, the Quaker maidens were not averse to the leap year's prerogatives of their sex. Longfellow's heroine, who proposed, was accepted and lived happily with her husband, comes to mind. Perhaps there are scores of similar instances to be found in Canada, but blue-books tell not of them. Only a confidential talk with the blushorthodex.

TWO GREAT CALENDAR-MAKERS. The history of leap year, without reference to its sentimental associations, is very interesting, bound as it is with the history of our calendar. The road of the searcher after truth in this matter, like other roads, leads to Rome, where, hundreds of years before Christ, it was the custom of the priests to call together the people at the beginning of each month and apprise them of the sacred and feast days to be observed. The word calendar is plainly derived from the Latin word "calere"—to call. So badly did the priests arrange things that in the course of a few centuries their spring came in summer. Then came the wise Julius Caesar, who, looking into the British ships in our ports. future, saw the time when the 17th of March would be celebrated on the Hukisson, who only a year before 12th of July. He decided to reform had denounced as "an unheard-of prethe calendar, and, with the assistance of Sosigenes, an astronomer, did so in 46 B. C. To make the civil year fit the solar year, Caesar gave February an additional day every leap year, call- try could not longer continue a preing the fifth day before the 1st of ferential policy without disaster March a double sixth. This calendar is used even now in Russia, and was accepted everywhere until 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII. compiled the present calendar. Caesar's mistake was in giving each year an average of 365 1-4 days, which is 11 minutes too this time. Gregory overcame this difficulty by ordaining that when leap pench of the Maine supreme court has not receive its addittonal day unless sustained the verdict of \$5,000 render- the year was a multiple of 400. Thus damages, brought by Colemman Welch alive in 2000 will celebrate an event

BRITISH POLITICS.

"Mr. Chamberlain Seems to Be Winning."

Comments of the New York Sun on the Significance of Two Recent By-elections.

It would not be easy to exaggerate the significance of the success of two earnest advocates of Mr.Chamberlain's preferential tariff at the by-elections held on Tuesday, Dec. 15, in the London suburban divisions of Dulwich and Lewisham. We should not be surprised if Mr. Balfour should see in their success a proof that he may with date and appeal to the British people the reported recovery from the wreck on the issue framed by the ex-secretary of the Royal George, which foundered of the colonies

selves to blame for permitting Mr. tain soda water? The efficacy of natconvent. She explained to St. Patrick escent. Unfortunately for their cause, debarred from choosing husbands. have both been union chancellors of the exchequer), Lord Balfour of Burleigh, lately secretary of state for Scot- therefore was the real father of both of the gas forcing a stopper against land, and Lord George Hamilton, who mineral and aerated water industries, a rubber ring in the neck, and thus recently resigned the post of secretary for India, came forward at a late stage wheat and flour.

From a tactical viewpoint, the move should have been made much earlier, if made at all. As it is, the utter futilthe tone of the liberal newspapers. The offered his invention to the Lords of disposed to make light of Mr. Chamberlain's revolutionary project, now His Majesty's ships. What is would be a serious blunder to under- contained aerated, and not soda water? The Daily News acknowledges that the outcome of these local contests, to which a national importance to render it chalybeate, like genuine laws covering their case. One enacted wich, which is mainly tenanted by city

the working classes in Great Britain

Now that it seems possible, if not onies a prefrence, the prospective eftional interests will soon be brought months ago, it is not quite true to say, tency, object to the adoption of protectionist principles by the British tionist principles by the British parliagood reason, is the enactment of a tarfor hostile discrimination. The practi- and tartaric acid. cal, the inevitable, nay, the avowed the advancement of Canada at the ex-

pense of the United States. of wheat and flour to the British peo- theless there is good reason for be- ated, Canadians would remain the fact that his wooing was not quite ple. It is Mr. Chamberlain's aim to lieving that soda water was invent- to build up their own country transfer England's imports of those in- ed by Augustine Thwaites, a Dublin of going to enrich the neighbor dispensable commodities from the Un- apothecary, in 1799. At any rate an public. ited States to Canada. He desires, in original advertisement dated April 28, berlain proposals and demonstrated other words, to leave on the hands of 1801, from the Dublin Journal, which what an advantage it would be our farmers that large fraction of our can be seen in the library of Trinity adian farmers if their products wheat crop which at present Great College, runs as follows: "Soda water, allowed to enter England without Britain consumes. This purpose he etc., Augustine Thwaites, sen, and jun., paying any duty, while a means to carry out by allowing the apothecaries, 40 Marlborough street, Canadian producer to deliver his grain having constructed an entirely new and from other countries. He also his American competitor.

certain to increase, is imposed upon inform the public that they are there- which was nearly allied to the Now, as Mr. Carnegie has pointed for efficacy and to dispose of them tionable utility beyond the Lauren out in a letter to the London Times, at the following prices: Soda water, in tides, he believed it would be be this is not the first occasion on which pints, 13s. per dozen, selters, do., 13s. canalize the St. Lawrence and improve England has tried to give Canada a do.; Cheltenham, do., 16s. do.; Rochelle the facilities on the great lakes. preference over the United States. The | do., 16s. do.; Pyrmont, do., 13s. do. Two attempt was made in the first quarter shillings per dozen allowed for returnof the last century, and we retaliat- ed bottles. N. B .- Half pint jars with nounced the action of Premier ed by levying countervailing taxes on ground stoppers to be had for divid- in placing the obligations of the bridge A tariff war ensued, with the result that Mr. Thwaites purchased Hamilton's pattension" our demand that American commodities should enter Britain's ports on equal terms with those of her colonies, acknowledged that his counher commercial intersts.

A SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD BULL.

An evening paper stated last week that some years ago a "tory orator," attacking a speech of Mr. Chamberlain's, "repelled the allegation and scorned the alligator." This slip was Stop drawing that soda, keep quiet really made seventy years ago in the house of commons by Joseph Hume. There is something marvellous in the effrontery with which venerable anecdotes are now raked up and presented to the credulous public with a new dressing.-London Truth.

Weste Baltimore-I see by today's papers that the Pope sat behind a much rack punck at Vauxhall overlarge grating—Roland Parke—Oh, night had no more refreshing drink thank you, thank you! That reminds than small beer to cool his parched me. My wife told me to bring some throat with in the morning. Yet from nutmegs home.-Baltimore News.



INVENTION OF SODA WATER.

DAY

Joseph Priestley, the "Father" of Mineral and Aerated Waters.

(London Globe.)

The other day the controversy in England regarding the origin of aerated water received a fresh fillip from in August, 1782, of a corked bottle of The free-food unionists have them- soda water. But did this bottle con-Chamberlain's friends to draw the ural mineral waters became generally conclusion named from these by-elec- realized at about the middle of the veiled in obscurity, but so far as we tions. Dulwich and Lewisham are eighteenth century, when "wells" were can trace it back, St. Patrick was responsible. The tradition which credits ordinary circumstances liberal candinary circumsta vation explains that after having ban- In 1895 the conservative nominees were ated in Paris. A French chemist, ed (by T. F. Savory), until August 23, ished the frogs from the bogs and the not even opposed. In the present con- named Paul, was the inventor, and he 1815. Isle, the Saint was one day walking volved, and no definite deduction with giving to the different varieties the ingenuity been expended than in the names of the natural springs which devising of labor-saving apparatus for St. Bridget, the lady superior of a the free-food unionists remained qui- as Selter or Seltzer, in Nassau; Pyr- till comparatively recent years, howmont, Rochelle, etc. However, Paul ever, only corks were used for closing emnity was held in the Episcopal that there were great dissensions in the Duke of Devonshire, C. T. Ritchie did not aerate his waters; that pro- the bottles, but it is computed that

> od of impregnating water with "fixed subject of the bottle recovered from of the canvass, and advised all liberal- air," that is, with carbonic acid, prounionist electors to vote against the duced from whiting or chalk, by the are two facts, which cause it to be candidates who favored a duty upon action of sulphuric acid, under either viewed with suspicion by the trade atmospheric or increased pressure. Not as claiming to be a genuine arti being a physician, Priestley communi- the period. First, it is egg-shaped, cated with Dr. Walter Hey, who came which shape was not patented before to the conclusion that water thus im- 1809, and, second, the cork was found ity of the interposition of their lead- pregnated must be peculiarly service- tied with wire, whereas string was ers has profoundly discouraged the able in long voyages, by preventing invariably used for the purpose till free food unionists. This is evident from or curing sea scurvy. Priestley then within a few years ago. Chronicle, for instance, which has been the Admiralty, who ordered trials to be made with it on board some of concedes that he is a power in the probable, therefore, than that the botcountry, the magnitude of which it the recovered from the Royal George Subsequently Priestley and Hey put a few iron filings in their aerated water. was given by the eleventh-hour inter- Pyrmont water, and some other medimay not be altogether true, but it is probably as accurate as any other verglon. Fortunately, there are the resulting that the resulting the resulting that the resulting the resulting that the restination that the resulting that the resulting that the resultin

> In 1777, a Mr. Parker of 69 Fleet "It is statut and ordaint that during are not frightened by the assertion street, invented the now familiar apparatus used for manufacturing aerated waters on a small scale for domestic use, namely, the Gazongene, which consists of two globes, one the electors of his county. man she likes, albeit he refuses to taik probable, that the United Kingdom will above the other, connected by a tube, Tarte, Leblanc and Loranger were the hir to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be enact a tariff that will give its col- the lower containing water and the guests of Mr. Bissonnette during their upper the ingredients for producing stay in the village. the liquid. The summer of 1778 being very hot, one of the hottest on re- mises made by the liberal party to home to American producers of wheat cord, in fact, Barker did a roaring reach power, and demonstrated and flour. As we pointed out some trade with the sale of his Gazogenes; faithless that party had been to most while, thanks to his skilful advertis- of the pledges which they had given to ing, the press rang with the praises the people. He dwelt on the necessity of the simplicity and economy of the for Canada to protect her industries new methods, and of the delicate, which by affording work for the labrisk, and pleasantly acidulous taste, boring classes provided a good marcommunicated to water by means of ket for the farmers. "fixed air.' Still no mention of soda! Hon. J. Israel Tarte, who was water, however, though it is probable ed with cheers and received a favorment. What we do object to, and with that the earliest known effervescing able hearing throughout, explained in draught was made from soda pow- attitude on the questions of proiff that singles out the United States ders, composed of bicarbonate of soda and transportation.

There have been many claims set her industries as much as pess outcome of Mr. Chamberlain's plan, forth lately regarding the invention of he could not understand should it be embodied in law, would be soda water, and it is beyond dispute ians should buy from the that the first patent for its manufac- States what could be made ture was granted to W. F. Hamil- dians at home. If a strong and We are now the principal purveyors ton, of Dublin, on May 4, 1809. Never- quate protective policy were in in Great Britain duty free, while a extensive apparatus for the purpose of ed to the people to support duty, at the start considerable, and preparing mineral waters, respectfully Canadian policy of by enabled to produce them of supering and perserving the waters." Mr. ent, in which the use of egg-shaped bottles is mentioned for the first time, sity for protection of Canadian in-(Thwaites himself used ordinary-shap- dustries. ed bottles of black glass), for £600, and his descendants, the firm of A. & R. Thwaites & Co., of Dublin, style emselves, "Inventors of soda water AD., 1799."

Apparently the new aerated beverage soon caught on. In "The Pursuits of Fashion, a Satirical Poem," publish- most unprecedented unanimity, are on ed in 1810, the section devoted to the "Coffee House oCrnet" contains these lines : Be silent the coffee room, hushed every noise;

those boys.

The popularity of soda water, as revealed alone among British subalterns scarcely less than she was when she so early as 1810, convicts Thackeray of a slight error, for when in "Vanity Such a sentiment of the world at large Fair" he pictures the manners of 1813 can scarcely be without its influence he pathetically laments that a gentle- upon the course of affairs at the very man who at that period had drunk too scene of controversy. the foregoing it seems clear that long

before the year of Waterloo Jos. Sedley when "seedy" might have had ready recourse to brandy and soda. Further. "Sketches of Character." a novel of fashionable life in London and Bath. and published in 1813, mentions soda water as a common beverage. For a very long period after its in-

vention, soda water was unobtainable abroad, hence English travellers had to take with them soda powders. they could not do without it, though in France, at least, "gaseous potash water" was forthcoming, the latter having been invented by the Parisian chemist, Paul, in 1802. In 1817 we have of Byron, who, by the way, has end gized hock and selzer water, writing from Venice to Mr. Murray in Lon don, and begging him to "send on some soda powders, but no more

man, Joseph Priestley, the celebrated have been recently introduced, which theologian, scientist, and chemist, who all depend upon the internal pressure In 1772 Priestley invented the meth- sealing the bottle. Reverting to the

THE CONSERVATIVES.

Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Hon. P. E. Leblanc and Others Address a Large Meeting at Coteau Landing.

(Special to Montreal Star.) COTEAU LANDING, Dec. 31 and enthusiastic gathering great ed Hen. J. Israel Tarte, Hon. P. E. Leblanc and L. J. Loranger, who ad-

dressed the people present on the sub-

jects of protection, transportation and the provincial administration. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Deguire, president of the conservative club of Coteau Landing. A. M. Bissonnette, M. L. A., for Soul spoke for a few minutes, v the visitors, and declaring that would make way for them to address

Louis J. Loranger recalled the pro-

it was the duty of Canada to Hon. P. E. Leblane dwelt extent on provincial questions. He de-

company, of which he is president, on the taxpayers of Canada ber for Laval also dwelt on the neces-The meeting closed with cheers for the King and the speakers. WORLD SYMPATHY WITH JAPAN.

(New York Tribune.)

The fact is not to be disguised that the sympathies of the world, with althe Japanese side of this dispute. Not even France, the ally of Russia, nor Germany, the partner of Russia in thwarting Japan in 1895, manifests any active approval of Russia's present course. The nations of the world recognize that in this battle Japan is the champion of progress and civilization. was fighting China nine years ago.

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