BUSINESS NOTICE.

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The Daily Tribune.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 6, 1872.

Our Banks.

At the meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade the other day "the "subject of the deposit in a single bank "of all the moneys paid for Customs "duties, and the consequent tendency of "the other banks to curtail their dis-"counts, in self defence, was brought be-"fore the Council and regarded as a great "evil, and one that operated adversely to "the trade of the port. It was finally "agreed that the President should com-"municate directly with the Finance "Minister of Canada upon the subject."

It will be well if the President in his Correspondence with the Government, would state the St. John view of the question as strongly and earnestly as the facts of the case and the views of the merchants will permit. It is a matter on which public opinion here is not divided; and public sentiment, we believe, would be even further strengthened and utilized by such correspondence being published when completed.

It is an important fact that, at regular intervals, since the establishment of the Bank of Montreal in this City as the depository of the Government monies, we have a stringency in the money market, the reason assigned by the other principal Bank being that it can not discount freely with a certainty that its notes shall pass immediately into the Bank of Montreal through the Custom House, to be redeemed in Gold within twenty four hours. The Bank of New Brunswick has given all the accommodation in its power consistent with its position as the principal Bank of issue in the Province, subject, consequently, to the constant risk of large demands being made for gold in redemption of its heavy issue of paper. Its Directory are convinced that the state of trade in St. John is very satisfactory; they know that business men, with very few exceptions, have prospered during the past two or three years; and they desire, we believe, to meet the wishes of the community to the fullest extent within their power. But they are hampered, and trade is hampered, by the fact that the management of the other two Banks is in no way identified with our local interests; that their movements are directed by persons at a distance, and influenced by conditions of affairs in no way connected with the trade of St. John or the wants or position of our local traders.

An aid towards a solution of the difficulty may be found in a division of the Government deposits among the several Banks, or placing them wholly in the local Bank, which is better entitled to any advantage derivable from this quarter than are institutions which have no single interest in common with the people of St. John. But more than this is required by the growing trade of the place. Another local Bank seems to be needed. Among a number of our business men the establishment of another Bank meets with considerable favor, and it would only require a determined effort on the part of a few leading merchants to secure the additional Banking accommodation so loudly called for.

In this respect, Halifax is far ahead of St. John. There we find five or six local Banks, all doing a large business and netting handsome dividends. There Bank stock is a favorite investment, the interests of the whole of the community being bound up with the success and good name of their Banking institutions. The same thing might be initiated here with good results. Monies are better invested, for the public good, in the stocks of judiciously managed Banks than in mortgages, and certainly very much better than lying in these same Banks at four per cent. interest, or, as in many cases, drawing no interest at all.

— A correspondent of the New York Mail describes a recent grand costumed ball at the Strozzi Palace at Florence. The walls, upon which reposed a multitude of paintings by Titian, Andrea and Leonardo, were covered with satins and tapestries. The large mirrors reflected the light until it rivalled the brilliancy of daylight itself. The company was large and very select, and the costumes unsurpassed for richness, elegance and variety. The Baroness Talleyrand wore over $500,000 of jewels on a costume of a lady of Turkestan. Then there was Rebecca, an Aurora, a Night, dressed in black velvet, with diamond stars; an innumerable quantity of Mephistos and Marchionesses *a la Pompadour*, besides a swallow, a carrier pigeon, and a peacock with a tail that spread open. A Cascade was walking arm in arm with Francis I., while Folly, Catherine Cornaro and Jane Grey were chatting with the Doges of Venice, Turks and Indians. The dancing was continued until 7 o'clock, when the German was ended and the guests sat down to a breakfast, before bidding their hostess good morning.

— Some anxiety is felt because of the non-arrival in England of the steamship "City of Washington, which left New York Feb. 17.

OUR FREDERICTON LETTER.

Amusements in the Capital.—Clerical Crusade against the Carnival.—The Scots on the Ice.—President Milligan a Spectator.—"I go you ten Better."—Tibbits, Theriault and Hanington.—The "Caribou Courier" and the coming conflict.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

FREDERICTON, March 4.

The severe storm of Sunday in St. John was not felt here at all, and Sunday was as clean, calm and sunshiny as the political atmosphere up to to-day. The train from St. John to Fredericton was not a moment behind time; and the commendable diligence of Manager McLeod has been quite praiseworthy the entire season in getting the trains through successfully, considering the great quantity of snow which has fallen in this section of the country. Of amusements there are signs of promise for the coming week. "Flora Myers" Troupe close to-night, Manager Purcell having had excellent houses, and deservedly so. The leading people, however, don't support anything that is not "under Royal Patronage." If a concert, bazaar or tea shine covets success, the Bashaw, the Grand Duke, or Most Serene must have it under his auspices. Railroads, the great levers of civilization, will eradicate this evil in course of time. The Baptist Church Organ Fund wants replenishing and a concert will be given on Wednesday night. Mrs. Perley, Mr. Lockhart and Mr. T. H. Hall, from St. John, will participate. The next engrossing subject is

THE "CARNIVAL"

on Thursday night. It is reported the young men of St. John to the number of fifty will aid and abet the affair. Well, if they come they will hibernate, luxuriate and revel among the Celestials; not the almond eyed, olive complexioned pig tailed ones; but the chignon castellated, the pannier developed, and the embodiment of the Legislative Library literature damsels. The clergy of several denominations have commenced a crusade against it. They have issued bulls, encyclicals, interdicts, inuendoes, pronunciamentos, and all kinds of fulminations against it, which will have the effect of increasing the number of attendants. When will our reverend friends learn not to heap coals of fire on their fun loving flocks? The cannon ball is eclipsed by the elegantly rounded pieces of granite in the Barrack Square, and "Skips" Morris, Temple, Neill and the rest "supe" along the stones lively every day. The St. John men ought to come up, and polish them off

PRESIDENT MILLIGAN

is here, and watches the game eagerly. We can't say whether it's a game of science or a game of chance, no statute being on the books concerning it. Spirits, mediums, rappers and talkers are currently reported around the Barker House. At divers late hours they are trotted out. "I see your five and go ten better" is the language they use Ten better shows the number of moral spirits is on the increase.

Snow is piled in, around and about to such an extent as to make the roads of the adjacent country very bad indeed "for man or beast."

Concerning Legislative matters, at this time of writing (Monday, p. m.), members are gradually dropping in to the scene of their labors. McAdam and Palmer appeared in their places this morning. Montgomery is the only North Shore member absent. Theriault remains unaccountably away, and some think he intends keeping the country deprived of his valuable services the whole Session, but his colleague Tibbits is equal to two representatives. He lets no occasion slip that will give him a chance to

SPOUT ECONOMY AND RETRENCHMENT

and his self abnegation should be a shining example to such extravagant legislators as Lindsay, from the neighboring County of Carleton. Humphrey has not fully recovered from the effects of his recent "walk over," as he is still among the missing, but Hanington is here. He arrived Saturday and looks fresh and confident about the successful termination of the impending crisis. He calmly and coolly discussed the subject of the summarizing of the Debates when some of the members asked about the items of expense, and threw some light where it was most wanted. I would consider it drawing a rather long bow to call such an intelligibly expressed legislator "a Howling Dervish."

The Debate business is disposed of for the session. Mr Day's proposition to publish the Debates for general circulation for $2,200 was rejected on Saturday. To-day

THE TENDER OF MESSRS. PUGSLEY AND BURBIDGE

to telegraph summaries of the debates to the daily and weekly papers in St. John was also rejected by a large majority. The Provincial discussions will have to depend for gear on the newspapers. Most of the members favored the debates, but thought that one man had as much right to get them as another, and then the cost would be too much. However, they all united in complimenting the New Brunswick papers on their uniform enterprise, intelligence and impartiality,—three good requisites.

A storm must be undeniably brewing, as the political atmosphere is preternaturally calm. A universal hilarity pervaded the House in the early part of the forenoon; the Provincial Secretary was loquacious, and the grave look of the Attorney General brightened into a smile at some sally of the late leader of the Opposition, Mr. Gough, who has allowed Mr. Willis to assume the reins, and exercise his well known powers of concentration. Mr. Hibbard

SMILED TO HIMSELF

occasionally, while the North Shore members unfolded complacently the first number of the *Cariboo Courier*, and perused its cutting denunciations of its political and personal foes. The *Cariboo Courier* is issued under the auspices of the "Cariboo Club," and the name of the editor is not given. The *Evening Express* is another fledgling which will be out on Wednesday for the first time. It is to be a tri-weekly, and its embarking will be hailed with pleasure by Frederictonians, who think a weekly is hardly important enough for the Seat of Government. The general calm was dissipated by Mr. Willis about twelve o'clock, when that gentleman rose and stated that on Wednesday he would see if the present rulers retained the confidence of the House; in other words, the familiar "want of confidence" motion will be made. Mr. Gough also moved for a comprehensive list of expenditures, expenses and outlays for the "Better Terms Delegation," the "Emigration Delegation," the Delegation to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; also, about the appointment of Commissioners of Emigration to Great Britain and Denmark. There is

NOT MUCH DISPLAY

of the respective forces. Each side appears quite certain that the other will be totally annihilated, left without a leg to stand on, and so crippled that it will lose all vitality for the balance of the Session. It's morally certain one party must be disappointed in its expectations. The ways that are dark and tricks that are vain will be fully illustrated this week. One thing seems to be conceded, that the Separate School men have agreed to sink the question for this Session, at all events. They have come to the conlusion that the Westmoreland election has decided that the people shall give the law as it stands a trial. This is the prevailing sentiment among the extreme advocates of Separate Schools; so all good people interested can rest quietly another year.

THE RULERS OF ALASKA.

The Dominions of the Great Fur Company.—President Grant a Partner in the Enterprise.—The Richest of Robes for the Ladies.—Death and Extermination for the Seals!

(Sitka, Alaska Territory (Dec. 26) Correspondent of the N. Y. World.)

It may not be generally known to the outside world that the Alaska Commercial Company is really the government of Alaska. Yet such is the melancholy fact. As your readers are aware, there is no government in this Territory except a semi-military, semi-commercial form, and both are embodied in the firm to which I have alluded. The military department possesses only a shadow of power, but is content with its measure, and cheerfully surrenders its prerogatives to the Alaska Commercial Company. So with the commercial body which is concentrated here, and which with few exceptions is merely a collection of disguised branches of the protean institution. The company is *de facto* the Territorial Government. There is no appeal whatever from it. Nominally, its monopoly is confined to the fur-seal rookeries of the islands of St. George and St. Paul; virtually, it has

A MONOPOLY OF THE WHOLE TERRITORY.

Go where you will, and there are its agents. The natives, grown afraid of its power and the reckless exercise thereof, with which they have become familiar, do its biddings effectively, albeit in sullen silence. If they are told to slay the seals or other fur-bearing animals, regardless of their sex or condition, they simply obey the order, although they do not fail to recognize the fact that when the lease of this company shall expire the fur-bearing animals will be well-nigh exterminated, and the Territory, their birthright, will have been exchanged for a mess of pottage indeed. As the slaughter of the seals is now managed, one-tenth of the skins are wasted, in the endeavor to procure such only as shall command the highest price in the European markets, and, it is safe to assume, before the expiration of the company's lease, the rookeries will be exterminated beyond a possibility of remedy.

GRANT A PARTNER.

In this connection there are rumors that President Grant is a partner in the firm, and the rumors appear to be founded on fact. I am told that when the company was organized it presented the President with some thirty thousand dollars' worth of its stock, and thus, through his countenance, secured the acceptance of its bid for the lease of the islands of St. Paul and St George. The fact that another firm, that of Taylor & Bendell, of San Francisco, made a higher bid in money than did this company, besides offering greater advantages in the way of building school houses on the islands, and promoting otherwise the welfare and comfort of the natives, and had their bid rejected in favor of the Commercial Company, appears to lend a color of truth to the report of the President's connection with the business. It is an exceedingly profitable concern, this company, paying heavy dividends and controlling a vast business; and if President Grant is interested in it to the tune of $30,000, however he may have come by that interest, then he is to be congratulated upon the excellence of his investment—at least from a commercial point of view. But let it not be supposed that the President alone of

THE WHITE HOUSE PARTY

derives pecuniary profit and comfort from the Alaska Commercial Company. Mrs. Grant and the wife of another high official also come in for a share of the good things. Last month I was permitted to look upon the rarest collection of sables which I have ever seen outside of Russia—large, soft, dark, velvety skins, exquisitely matched, and the picked furs, doubtless, of an immense collection. Each of these skins, singly, might be worth about $75 in gold; but each skin taken in such a company of choice companions acquires an added value—let us say, then, and it will be a modest figure, that each one is worth $100, gold. Well, there are fifty of these skins, value $5,000, and twenty five of them go to the wives of our immaculate White House officials, as a slight token of the Alaska Commercial Company's great esteem—for their husbands. It would be a work of supererogation to add that commercial corporations are usually quite in the habit of parting with five-thousand dollar presents to ladies. The tribute and its object may be coarse and rank in the nostrils of high-minded people, but the furs are exquisite, let me assure you.

A WALRUS MONOPOLY.

The few citizens who do a precarious business in this city, defying the Commercial Company and taking no account of its imperial frowns, watch these little strategic operations with a sharp vigilance that is quickened by their own interest in the results that may follow them. I have said that the President and the Secretary are to be approached through the medium of valuable presents to their respective wives; now let me tell you what the company looks to accomplish as the reward of its delicate thoughtfulness. There is a general and certainly a mistaken impression that the fur-seal rookeries of this Territory constitute its single precious staple. It is not known that the profits of walrus-hunting scarcely fall below the other, while

THE SUPPLY IS ALMOST INEXHAUSTIBLE.

In a word, then, the Commercial Company aims to bring about for itself a legalized monopoly of the walrus as well as of the seals. It cannot fail to be perceived that if the Government can be induced to put the matter to Congress that protection of the walrus of Alaska is necessary (that was the way the proposition for a monopoly of the seals was put, I think), and if Congress shall authorize Mr. Boutwell to advertise for bids for a lease (precisely as was done in the case of the seals) of that industry—it cannot fail to be perceived, I say, that the Alaska Commercial Company, stepping in with the statement that, being already in possession of the major part of the Territory, it can best attend to the hunting of the walrus, and favored besides by President and Secretary—by virtue of those sables and another judicious present of its stock to these worthies—will carry everything before it and secure to itself the desired privilege, for perhaps less money than would certainly be offered by any of the dozen other firms who would undoubtedly put in bids also.

THE PROFIT OF WALRUS HUNTING

The hide of the walrus is very generally used for polishing purposes by cutlers, gun-makers and others. At present England supplies the markets of the world, drawing her stock from the White Sea. The Alaska Commercial Company, improving its opportunities, has discovered that the walrus abounds in Behring Sea and the waters of Alaska, and proposes to compete with England. In its green state each hide will weigh about two hundred pounds, and the demand is sharp at from $1 50 to $2 per pound. Besides this, each walrus will yield ten gallons of oil, worth about forty cents per gallon, and a pair of ivory tusks worth upon average $1. The intelligent readers of the World will see at a glance the account to which a monopoly of so valuable an industry can be turned. With ordinary facilities, about five thousand walrus might be slaughtered each year; total gross value, over $2,000,000 a year. This rich plum is worth fighting for, and the Alaska Commercial Company and its high official co-workers will not fail to fight for it.

Examination of O'Connor at Bow-street—Prince Leopold, Col. Hardinge and John Brown Testify to the Assault.

LONDON, March 1—Evening.—The assailant of the Queen was brought before the Police Magistrates at Bow street, at noon to-day, for examination. The Court room and all its approaches were densely crowded. The prisoner presented a very boyish and not unpleasing appearance, and to day was quiet and unassuming in manner. He made no attempt at bravado, and listened quietly to the testimony, without seeking to interrupt or contradict the witnesses. On being interrogated by the Magistrate he stated that his full name was Arthur O'Connor, that he was born in England, but that his father was a native of Ireland. It was subsequently elicited that his grandfather was the well known Feargus O'Connor, one of the leaders of the Chartist movement. John Brown, Her Majesty's groom, Col. Hardinge, equerry to the Queen, and Prince Leopold testified to the circumstances of the assault, of which they were eye-witnesses. Their statements do not differ materially from the accounts already telegraphed to the Associated Press. One of the policemen into whose custody O'Connor was delivered, swore that the prisoner said the reason he had not loaded the pistol was because it was broken: that he repeatedly exclaimed, "I wish to God I had succeeded!" that he avowed he had intended to present the petition for a Fenian amnesty to the Queen in St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, when she was surrounded by her Ministers; that he then had pen and ink ready for her to sign the document with; that he would have made the attempt, but the crowd was so great that he could not get near Her Majesty. Two papers found on the prisoner when he was seized were produced in Court and read. One pardoning all the Fenian convicts, is in substance as follows:

I, Victoria, Queen, by grace of God, &c., make the following declaration:

Whereas, there are now confined in various prisons throughout the Kingdom a number of Irishmen, known as celebrated Fenians; Whereas, they were imprisoned with my sanction, having rebelled and conspired against the crown and to weaken and destroy my power; Whereas, sympathizers with these men have petitioned for their pardon, and notwithstanding, they are still unliberated, now, I, Victoria, Queen, &c., do grant full pardon to each and every Fenian prisoner unconditionally, and notwithstanding this my agreement is made under fear of my life, I will not depart therefrom.

This is dated Feb. 22, 1872. The other document is a commutation in advance of the punishment of the prisoner for his present act from hanging to shooting, and is dated Feb. 27. At the conclusion of the examination the prisoner was committed for trial at the Assizes, and taken back to jail under a strong guard. It is evident that the papers found on the prisoner are his own work, and the impression of all who heard them read is that they are the product of a deranged mind. The Queen left Buckingham Palace to-day for Windsor Castle. On her arrival at Windsor she was met by almost the entire population of the place with the warmest demonstrations of loyalty and affection.

The Positive Innocence of poor Stokes.

In the preliminary trial of the much injured Stokes, or what has been termed "the trial of the Grand Jury" before Judge Cardoza, in New York, Mr. McKeon, Stokes's counsel, the other day said that Stokes was as innocent as a man could be of this charge against him of murdering James Fisk, Jr. At this declaration of innocence the people in the court-room gave an incredulous laugh, and shouts of "Oh! oh!" burst forth from nearly all present, by which Stokes, whose equanimity had thus far been well preserved, seemed visibly affected. Mr. McKeon, in a very excited manner, turned to the audience and in a loud voice stigmatized it as a mob, and asked, in a still more excited manner, what they knew about the facts in the case. Judge Cardozo announced that if any further demonstration was made the court-room would be immediately cleared. Mr. McKeon continued, and said if Col. Fisk had shot Stokes he (Fisk) would have been bailed within a hour, and that would have been the end of it. Mr. Graham jumped up and interruptingly said, "Why, no; Fisk would not have been arrested at all." To this Mr. McKeon again took the floor and remarked, "That's so; Fisk ruled every process of law, and no one dared to attempt to arrest him before the Courts, knowing that it would be useless." This created a decided sensation.

The Suez Canal.

The list of vessels that passed through the Suez Canal in 1871 is very interesting, although, to American eyes, it is far from gratifying. It certainly disproves, so far as the experiment, *in lamine*, can disprove, the assumption so often put forward, that the canal would operate disastrously to the commerce of Great Britain. The official return of the tonnage has just been published, and is as follows:—

British	546,621	Belgian	4,400
French	91,841	American	4,170
Austrian	43,113	German	3,520
Italian	29,400	Spanish	3,157
Turkish	16,959	Norwegian	1,316
Egyptian	13,394	Portuguese	919
Dutch	6,711	Danish	660
Russian	4,820	Burmanian	408
		Total	771,400

M De Lesseps has reason to congratulate himself on his totals, if not on the relative degree in which the consummation of his project has thus far benefitted the commerce of France.—N. Y. paper.

LOCALS.

Intense Cold.

The Thermometer stood at 8 below zero this morning in the city. It has not been lower this winter.

Mr. Dixon,

of Brass Band celebrity, left for the United States on a tour yesterday morning.

Committed.

The young man Patterson, charged with forging Mr. Trueman's name to a check, was committed yesterday for trial.

Conductor Decker.

We understand that Conductor Decker has been dismissed from the Government service, not merely suspended as stated by us yesterday.

Lecture by Mr. Boyd To-morrow Night.

It will be seen by advertisement in THE TRIBUNE to day, that John Boyd, Esq will deliver his lecture "The crop that never fails," in the Vestry of Germain St Baptist Church to-morrow evening. All who have not heard it should then be present.

The Grand Musical Convention

will open on Monday. The severe weather may interfere somewhat with its success, but the extraordinary attractions that are offered cannot fail to ensure a week of rare interest, and audiences that will repay the efforts and expenditures of the occasion.

The Fredericton Skating Carnival.

There is a brisk demand for tickets for the Special Train which will take our Masqueraders to the Celestial City to-morrow evening, and already a large party of young folks have decided to march on the Capital. There will be two passenger cars and a smoking car in the train, which will leave as advertised. Tickets may be procured from the Committee, Messrs. L. A. Tilley, Warwick W. Street and Barclay Boyd.

M. Paul B. DuChaillu

will arrive per train and lecture in the Institute this evening If arrangements can be made with Mr. Wilson, (of the Theatre) M. DeChaillu will lecture to-morrow evening also. Due notice will be given.

The Trains.

The severe storm has dislocated the Railway arrangements.

The express train which left St. John yesterday at 8, for Bangor, got through at 6 20 this morning.

The freight train which left at 11.30 remained over at Fredericton Junction all night. The conductor on this train, Mr. Appleby, was injured in some manner, but was better this morning.

The morning train from Fredericton reached Fredericton Junction all right, and its passengers arrived in St. John without much detention; but owing to the severity of the storm this train could not get back yesterday; it left to return at 7 50 this morning, and left Harvey at 11 a. m. It will arrive at St. John, 4 p. m.

The train from Bangor arrived at McAdam late last night, and remained there until 7.30 this morning.

Auction Sales to come off

To morrow, Thursday, Mr. Wakefield will offer at the Arcade a lot of Mirrors, Oil Paintings, Chromos, and Engravings, and a square Piano. On Saturday, at Chubb's corner, there will be sold some real Estate, the property of the late Jean Bruemer, under licence from the Probate Court. On the 18th Hanford Bros. will sell at auction some unclaimed goods lying in Fishwick's Express office, unless the consignees step forward immediately and take them. And on Saturday the 23d, the Executors of the estate of the late Mrs. Lucy Gale will sell some wharf property Lower Cove.

The Pictures

that will be offered at auction at the Arcade to-morrow were those owned by Mr. Watts of the Rothsay Hotel. Some of them are really valuable, having, we understand, been at one time the property of Mr. Richard Simonds, and ought to bring good prices.

The Steamer "New Brunswick"

left Portland yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. She had not arrived at Eastport at 1 p. m. to day.

Merchants' Exchange.

The following despatches were received at the Exchange to-day:—

Montreal, March 6th.—Flour at Liverpool, 25s. a 27s; Red Wheat, 11s. a 11s. 2d.

New York flour market dull, in buyers favor. Common to Good Extra State, $6.75 a $7.50.

Pork weak, $13.75 a $13.80 new; $13.25 a $13.37 old.

Grain freights, 6 a 6d.

Montreal flour market dull. Western State and Welland Canal, Superfine, $5.72½ a $.80.

New York, March 6th.—Gold opened at 10⅛.

— It is stated that Dr. Greeley has written to an agricultural friend that the present is the best time to prune boot-trees.

— A Louisville bellows exploded and blew up a Mr. Veith with energy.

Harrowing Accident—A Little Girl Burned to Death.

Last night (says the Halifax *Reporter* of Saturday) Mr. Wm. Craig, and his wife, who live in a tenement house on Barrack street, near Duke street, went out for a little while, leaving at home in bed their three children, a little girl aged 6 years, a boy aged 4, and an infant. The parents were not absent over half an hour. When they returned, they experienced a smell of burnt clothing, and hastening up to their apartments, a harrowing sight met their eyes. Sitting on the bed, in a nude state, with her face buried in her hands, was their eldest child, Ada Maria. The little one, hearing her father approach, lifted up her head, and said: "O, papa, I'm burned." The poor little sufferer was in a shocking condition: all her clothes burned off; her face, throat, arms and hands literally roasted. One hand was completely burned to a crisp; and portions of the flesh were torn off the other hand, where she had been endeavoring to leave the room, detached pieces of flesh having been found on the door latch. Although suffering intense pain, the child, as well as she was able, told her parents how it happened. While in bed, she said, she felt her feet cold, and got up for the purpose of putting her dress over her night-gown. There was a stove in the room, and considerable fire in it. In passing it, her clothing must have caught fire, and it is supposed that she tried to get out of the room and did succeed in getting into the hall, but bewildered with fright and pain she returned, and sat down on the bed where her parents found her. The little boy's feet were slightly burned, by the sister sitting near him. Fortunately the infant, which was asleep all the time, was uninjured. Strange to say, none of the clothing on the bed took fire. The little sufferer craved piteously for water, which was given to her; and after suffering the most excruciating pain, expired in her mother's arms, three hours after the accident. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved parents in their sad affliction Coroner Farrel held an inquest on the body this afternoon. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts above related.

Theatrical Record—Present Stations of Actors known in St. John.

M. W. Fiske, James Lewis, Harry Crisp and Frankie McClellan are playing in New York.

Miss Lizzie Anderson supported Sothern, in Washington, in an engagement in the last of February.

Robert McWade played in Toronto, Feb. 19th.

E. L. Davenport's Company is in "Peril," at the Chestnut, Philadelphia.

Frederick Robinson has concluded an engagement at the St. James, Boston.

February 19th, at Memphis, the Grand Duke Alexis presented Lotta with a magnificent bracelet, mounted with diamonds, opals and pearls.

Frank Roche has just finished a two weeks season of the "Duke's Motto," at Mrs. Conway's Theatre, Brooklyn.

The Alleghanians, Bell Ringers, are in England.

W. W. Durand, Agent of the Empire City Circus, has published the show route from April 1st, 1871, to Feb. 17th, 1872, giving the names of all towns where performances were given, and stating the distances in miles between each, the Company having travelled twelve thousand and two miles in forty six weeks.

Ashley, the magician, is at Saginaw.

J. W. Langeran advertises in the *Clipper* for Stars and combinations for the season of '72

— Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia says if France attacks Italy, the latter will be defended by Germany. Poor France isn't in a position to attack anybody just now. The Prince is bound for Egypt.

— The schr. "Clara Bell," of Rockland, Captain Amesbury, went ashore at Cape Cod Monday night:—Captain and five men drowned,—only one man saved.

—It is said that recently a sporting clerk handed the wrong paper to the curate to announce the singing of a new anthem. The unfortunate occurrence commenced thus:—"Jerry;" when, feeling annoyed at the leader of the choir for writing so briefly and irreverently, the curate added: "The words of the anthem are from the book of Jeremiah!" With another glance at the paper, he proceeded hurriedly in the manner of one wanting to get rapidly through some formal business—"3 to 1 taken—ahem! From the 2nd to the 3rd verses are taken. Fifth heat, 35 yards start—ahem!" Fortunately for the reverend gentleman, at that moment the choir started with a grand burst, and he sank to his seat utterly appalled by the discovery that his unlucky clerk had handed to him a wrong paper, and instead of the words of the anthem he had been announcing to a remarkably attentive congregation several of the particulars connected with a forthcoming race, in which one of the competitors was the clerk's dog Jerry.

— An old lady, slightly blind, while engaged in a futile attempt to sew buttons on young Augustus's new jacket, remarked: "Drat these buttons! I can't find the holes, and they split to pieces every time I stick the needle into 'em." To which replied young Augustus: "Now, look 'ere, Granny! you just let my peppermint drops alone. You've split mor'n half of 'em already."

— A genuine lion is sauntering around San Jose, Cal., and the citizens are keeping remarkably good hours.

— Miss Brush, the new American prima donna, is sweeping triumphantly through Spain.

— A young girl was practising "The Maiden's Prayer" on a piano in Boston on Sunday last. After she had played for two hours a burglar shot at her through the window, but, to the grief of the neighborhood, missed.

— Two young girls, sisters, have run away from Berlin, Prussia, for Salt Lake, to marry a young man they are both in love with.

— A Mobile undertaker has the corpse of a child in his shop, in a metallic coffin, to "show the superiority" of said metallic coffin.

— A Detroit wife sold the family cook stove to pay the fine and release her husband, who had been sent to gaol for brutally beating her.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Yesterday, after our despatch left Fredericton, on motion of Wedderburn, the House in Committee considered the bill to increase the capital stock of the St. John Gas Light Company $200,000 more than it is at present, and for other purposes. At the mover's request, the House agreed to the proposition to increase the stock, and then reported progress. Robinson introduced a Bill to authorize the County Council of York to provide money to pay a sinking fund for paying off the County debentures in aid of the Fredericton Branch Railway: Tibbetts, a Bill to repeal an act against dual representation; Wedderburn, a Bill to amend an act relating to the administration of justice in equity.

On the Better Terms question, we learn from a cotemporary, that Hatheway, in reply to a question, said that—

All the Government knew of the Better Terms Delegation was contained in the pamphlet furnished the House, excepting private conversations with Mr. Tilley while in Fredericton lately, and with some other Ministers on one or two occasions. Mr. Tilley, as well as the others, had given assurances that the Dominion Government was prepared to take hold of New Brunswick's claims, and do all in their power to do them justice.

This is the first official intimation we have had that the Dominion Government is pledged to Better Terms. We hope that Mr. Hatheway will not be withdrawing his statement, or explaining it away, in about a fortnight from this date. A question was put to the Government in reference to the probable loss to the Provincial Revenue of the export duty on lumber manufactured from wood of American growth:—

Gough—Has the Government had any correspondence with the Dominion Government in reference to the removal of lumber export duties as provided by the Treaty of Washington?

Hatheway—None; but I had some conversation with the Ministry on the subject, and cannot correspond in reference to it while the decision in the Treaty of Washington is pending.

There does not appear to be any good reason for not corresponding on the subject. The Province ought to know by this time in what manner the Imperial Government intended to indemnify New Brunswick when it sanctioned the Treaty which proposes to deprive us of this revenue. The Imperial Government have arrived at some conclusion on the subject; and the Dominion Government must have been made aware of its intentions; but it would appear that New Brunswick, which has the deepest interest in the matter, will be the last to learn the character of the arrangement.

In the Legislative Council Yesterday Mr. McInerney, Roman Catholic member from Kent, repeated his objections to the Law in very decided terms. At Mr. McInerney's home all parties are working harmoniously under the Act.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

[*Special Telegram to the Daily Tribune.*]

FREDERICTON, March 6.

The Bill to erect an additional Hospital at St. John for infectious diseases and to raise some six thousand dollars by debentures, passed.

White's Bill to repeal the Act making plaintiff bring his action before a Justice in the Parish in which he or defendant resides caused a long discussion. Will evidently be thrown out.

Bill to increase the capital of St. John Gas Company, passed.

Willis wished the Order of the Day, "The Want of Confidence motion," set down for 12 o'clock, postponed till to-morrow on account of several members being absent through the storm.

King opposed the request on account of delay to the business of the country.

Gough, Hibbard, Maher, Hatheway and Lindsay spoke.

Lindsay said the Opposition were pursuing a sensible course this year. He believed in all the Jury being present to hear the evidence. Last year the Opposition signed the verdict before they heard the evidence.

The House finally agreed to accede to the request of Willis.

The Legislative Council had its abnormal placidity disturbed yesterday afternoon during the consideration of the address by a violent speech from the Hon. Mr. McInerney of Kent, who said he would swear his six sons like Hannibal of old on the Altar in eternal enmity to the School Bill. The speech excited much comment, but the violence of it was laughed at on both sides in the Lower House.

The first number of the *Express*, a new tri weekly, published by Lugrin & Son, of the *Farmer*, and edited by Mr. James Hannay, came out to-day. Days of issue: Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Thermometer fifteen below zero this morning, the coldest day this winter; now quite moderate.

Prospects good for a brilliant Skating Carnival to-morrow night.

RETRIBUTION.

In Herkimer County
 There never was seen
A sweeter young creature
 Than Annabel Green.
She was fair as the lillies
 And pure as the snow,
And Ichabod Brown
 Was sweet Annabel's beau.

Fair Annabel Green
 Thus to Ichabod spoke:
"Should you ever prove false,
 My poor heart would be broke."
Then he answered: "I hope
 To be roasted and ate
If my Annabel's love
 I shall ever forget."

But Ichabod Brown
 Proved faithless, and soon
Poor Annabel Green
 Was deserted and lone;
And she wept and she moaned,
 And she sobbed and she sighed,
Till her tender heart broke,
 And she lay down and died.

Then Ichabod Brown
 Was never at ease;
He roamed all the way
 To the far Southern Seas.
And, on going ashore,
 Some savages met him;
They built up a fire,
 And roasted and ate him.

— A Texan game of euchre was ended by one of the players ordering the other up with his little derringer.