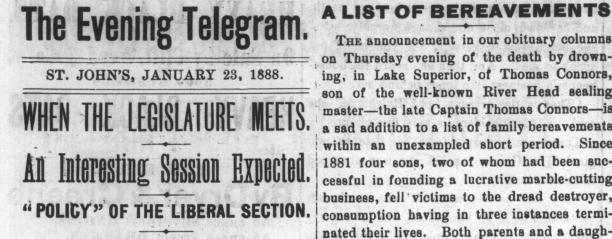
TELEGRAM, ST. JOHN'S, N.F. EVENING



In a few weeks our local Legislature will meet for the despatch of business, and it is said by some of the initiated that the session promises to be an unusually interesting one. Exactly on what ground this supposition is based we are not in a position to determine. During the year that has intervened since the close of last session, the Thorburn Party, contrary to the then prevailing opinion; have managed to keep together, and there now seems no very strong reason to suppose that they will not continue to do so until the end of their present term.

By dissolution they have everything to lose : by cohesion they have everything to gain. Is it likely, then, that the leaders are going to quarrel and relinquish all the advantages which they possess, merely because they do not " love each other" in the Scriptural sense of the term? No, indeed, it is not likely they will do anything of the kind.

It is true, we believe, that Mr. Abraham Kean, Mr. M. T. Knight, and one or two other subordinate members of the party, have for some time past known what it is to feel the upbraiding of conscience-in addition to the upbraiding of their constituents. But what of that? None of these can afford to act independently. At least they say so themselves, and the probability is that they will continue to "kick against the goad of conscience" until they themselves are "kicked against" in turn.

Never, perhaps, in all our experience of Responsible Government, have we had a more needy and mercenary Assembly than the present. With one or two individual exceptions, we cannot point to a member of the Lower House who is not prepared to make his conscience and his vote "marketable articles." A little patronage or the promise of a Government situation would seem to be sufficient " buy up" the best of them. For the most part they are deplorably ignorant of their duties as representatives of the people; and as for principle,-well, that is an unknown quality ericans have a special reason for observing among the Newfoundland M. H. A. to-day, and recording the time taken by the various except in the sense in which Mr. James Russell steamers to cross the Atlantic, for they send Lowell speaks of it when he says :-their letters by the fastest vessels only, alto-

LETTER FROM "A SHAREHOLDER." THE announcement in our obituary columns on Thursday evening of the death by drowning, in Lake Superior, of Thomas Connors, son of the well-known River Head sealing master-the late Captain Thomas Connors-is a sad addition to a list of family bereavements

within an unexampled short period. Since 1881 four sons, two of whom had been successful in founding a lucrative marble-cutting business, fell victims to the dread destroyer, consumption having in three instances terminated their lives. Both parents and a daughter had died shortly previous, thus making the fearful harvest of death in six years of seven persons in one family. Captain John Connors, a successful banking commander from this port several years, was one of the deceased. The young man who was cut off so

untimely in the Lake gale last fall, had promise of a banking command from this port the coming season; having for two or three years been successful in the same capacity. The sudden summons which removed him from sphere of usefulness has awakened general regret in the western part of the city, where he

was long and favorably known. FROZEN FISH.

FROZEN fish are now imported into France, and a society formed in Marseilles for the purpose of developing the trade has a steamer and a sailing vessel engaged in it. The steamer Rokelle lately came into Mars.illes with some 30,000 kilogrammes of frozen fish in its hold, the temperature of which is kept at 17 deg. C. below zero by means of a Pictet machine (evaporating sulphurous acid). The fish are caught with the net in various parts of the Mediterranean and Atlantic. After arrival they are despatched by night in a cold chamber. Experiment has shown that fish can be kept seven or eight months at low temperature without the least alteration. These fish are wrapped in straw or marine algæ, and have been sent on to Paris, and even to Switzer-

OF ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE returns for the present fiscal year, which have just been issued by Mr. Nicholas M. Bell, the Superintendent of Foreign Mails in the Post Office Department at Washington,

gether irrespective of their nationality, or of

He Wants to Know What Has Become of His Money.

Editor Evening Telegram. SIR,-About two years ago a movement was

made to start a Roman Catholic newspaper in St. John's. A sort of Constitution was drafted, resolutions were proposed and adopted. and everything was prepared to enable the paper to enter the political arena on a sound basis. The paper was to be devoted to the protection of R. C. interests in this country at the same time, its policy was not to be aggressive. According to the resolutions, meetings of the shareholders were to be held at stated periods for the purpose of informing the shareholders as to the real standing of the paper, financially and otherwise. A board of directors was appointed to manage and conduct the working of the concern, and large dividends were promised to the shareholders. It was decided that the paper should be called the Colonist. Every satisfaction was guaranteed to them, and a great number of the people of St. John's and the outports took shares on those conditions. Sir, I wish it to be distinct-

ly understood that I did not take my shares with the hope of making anything handsome out of the venture ; but when it was stipulated by resolution that the shareholders should be kept posted up as to the financial condition of the paper, I naturally felt interested as to what had become of my money. Two years have now passed away, and there has not been one meeting called by the directors. Some of

who remain have now control of the paper. Mr. Editor, this is a purely public matter, and in the interest of numbers of shareholders I Provinces.

respectfully request you to insert this letter in your independent paper. I may here add that several gentlemen who promised to take to the point of determining how to accept it shares in the paper did not do so, giving, as a reason, that they were not satisfied with the manner in which affairs were worked.

I am, sir, yours truly, A SHAREHOLDER.

P.S.-You will perceive that the above is strictly true, as it is well known that I paid my money down. Some of my acquaintances invested as high as 40 dollars in the concern. and they now wish to know what has become oak,-

of their money, and why they do not inform "Sœpe hæc sinistra prædixit cava ab ilice them in some shape or form. Your duty to-All others are prepared to accept Confederawards the many shareholders, as an independ-

A. S.

The Present State of Newfoundland -AND-

CONFEDERATION.

SIR,-The object of my letters has been to shew the necessity of a change in the condition of this country, and in asserting this necessity I am at variance with no one who has fairly considered or discussed our position. another season the question might well be

asked, What change can be devised that would benefit us? Have we not tried everything, from Imperial legislation to Responsible Government? Upon this latter have we not rung all possible changes, proved all possible combinations of parties, without other result than persistent decline in the scale of prosperity? Has not each successive grade of our descent

been clearly defined by the introduction of some new, or the modification of some old Government? And has not all that we have done but proved our in-

ability to do anything useful? All this is the sad but inexorable truth : and if in the present crisis we had to confine our prospects of a favourable change to our own energies and resources, the lessons of the past, casting

their shadows upon the future, might well induce us to despair. But a change has been proposed beyond our anticipations, above our counsels, new to our ideas and experiencesa change that opens up for us a future great in its proportions and brilliant in its aspect, beyond all we could have conceived-that

future may share the uncertainty of all that is them have dropped out, and I presume the few to come, but it is free from gloomy delusions of the past. The future thus proposed to us

is Union with the British North American The question of Confederation, as applied

to us, resists, of its own strength and weight, all attempts at absolute rejection ; it forces us

> with the best grace and most profit. The intelligence of the community has long since grasped this conclusion, and with the exception of a few who deal in ominous warnings while

the people hunger for solid argument, a few who wish the people to foresee their fate after the fashion of the simple shepherd Melibæus, in the croaking of some raven from a hollow

LOCAL VARIETIES.

THERE have been no foreign arrivals at this port since Friday last.

THE barque "Constance," belonging to Messrs. Baine Johnston & Co., has put into Barbadoes dismasted.

THE coastal boat Curlew arrived at Saint Mary's last evening, and left in the course of the night for Placentia.

THE first overland mail of the season for the Northward will be despatched to-morrow; the bags will be closed at the office here at 8 a.m.

TRAVELLING on the Placentia mail road is impossible on account of the snow-drifts. The mail due here last Friday has not yet ar. rived.

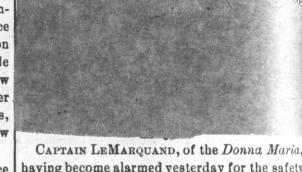
A vessel belonging to this trade was reported in commercial circles this morning as having entered a port in the island of Malta. damaged.

A MEETING of the St. John's Mutual Im. provement Association will be held in the basement of the Congregational Church to. morrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock.

BUSINESS was very quiet on 'Change on Sat. arday ; the attendance was very small, most of the members having gone off on a sleigh driving junketing excursion to Topsail.

THE banker Nimbus, of Placentia, which went to sea on Saturday last but was driven back to port again by the force of a heavy N. W. wind, started again for her destination vesterday.

THE barquentine Adamantine, from New York, which vessel is scarcely a week out. passed Cape Race at 2.15 this afternoon, inward bound. The May Cory has also left the same port, bound hither.



having become alarmed vesterday for the safety of one of his seamen named Thomas Hold lodged information of his being missed at the Police Office with Sergeant Cleary. The latter question as at present proposed to the country instituted a search and discovered that the sailor had left the vessel in a boat, but having as Confederation is proposed to us, what good lost his oars he drifted helplessly down the harbor 'till he brought up on the shore off I have thus condensed the general argument | Maggoty Cove. where the officer found him. It was a fortunate circumstance for him that the wind was not blowing out the Narrows.

"I don't believe in principle, But, oh! I do in interest,."

the particular line to which they belong; and For these reasons, then, and for others which are sufficiently obvious without mentioning it is therefore necessary that the data on which them here, the leaders of the Thorburn Administhey base their information should be thoroughtration are not alarmed by the strong public sening point of view, moreover, as well as timent which prevails against them all through the country. They know their power and influfrom a postal, the statistics are worth ence over outport members, and believe that, a little study. These give the time occuwith the public treasury at their backs, they can pied in the conveyance of mails during the " snap their fingers" at all opposition until the twelve months from New York to London, and next general election, at any rate. Then, of perhaps the most striking feature about the course, they will be compelled to "get down and list is the distance of time separating the boats out;" but by that date they will have wellat its extreme ends. The Cunard liner feathered their own nests and made those of their near and dear friends comfortable also. of 187.5 hours, while the "Wisconsin," be-Some time ago it was rumored that certain longing to the Guion Company, which stands members of the Liberal wing were inclined to at the foot, requires 258.1 hours to perform kick over the traces and join the Opposition. the same passage, being a difference of very That rumor was not without foundation. In nearly three days. The second on the list is fact such was their intention, as expressed in the "Umbria's" sister ship, the "Etruria," our presence and in the presence of many with 188 hours. Next in order comes the others. But these recalcitrant ones have again North German Lloyd steamer "Trave," with been "bought up" and reduced to a condition an average of 199.3 hours, and the Anchor of acquiescence in, and submission to, the liner "City of Rome," with 203.4 hours ; while Party's corrupt policy. the "Alaska," of the Guion Line, and the

Just before Premier Thorburn left for the "Aller" of the North German Lloyd's, com-Mother Country, last week, a meeting of pete very closely for the fifth place with times "Reform" and Liberal leaders was held under of 205.3 and 205.7 respectively. Then we have "that was Mr. Preston, an old patient of very flattering auspices-to the said leadersa considerable number of North German liners during which the interests of the Amalgama- with approximately equal times, the average of the way from London to get my advice and tion were freely discussed. As usual in such which is very nearly the time taken by the cases, each section complimented the other on Cunard liner "Aurania." Then follows the its prudence and "executive ability," and, "Servia," of the Cunard Line, with 211.2 before separating, the Premier received re- hours, and then the White Star liners put in an appearance-the "Britannic," with the peated assurances that, during his absence from the colony, the Government of which he time of 219.8 hours; the "Germanic," 228 was the nominal head would be warmly and hours; the "Adriatic," 230 hours; the "Reunanimously supported by his Liberal allies. public," 235 hours; and the "Celtic," 236 Evidently it pays the latter to keep Messrs. hours. The best of the Hamburg-American Thorburn, Winter, Goodridge and McNeily in Line takes 240.7 hours, while almost at the office ; aye, pays them better than if they (the bottom stand the Inman liners, the quickest of said Liberals) were there themselves. which, the "City of Chicago, takes 241.6

But notwithstanding the strength of the hours; and the slowest, the "City of Ches-Government, it is pretty certain that the coming ter." requirés 256.8 hours. It is probable, however, that the new boats now being built session will be an interesting one, as the small for this latter Company and for the White Opposition, reinforced by Mr. R. J. Parsons, Star Line will completely change their posiwill no doubt do their best to make things tions in the list. lively. The conduct of the Executive during the past year affords ample data on which to base a strong indictment against the Executive, date of Friday, says :--" Large numbers of and we may be sure the talented and popular men are abandoning railroad work and returnleader of the Opposition in the Assembly-Mr. ing home. The weather is very cold, especi-Bond-will not forget to confront them with ally at night time, and they think it better to their mal-feasances. die home than in there on the line."

give some information regarding the speed of Atlantic steamers which will be read with interent journal, will bear you out in publishing est by those who took an interest in the recent the above. discussions on the mail contracts. The Am-

St. John's, Jan. 19, 1888.

POST OFFICE AFFAIRS.

Editor Evening Telegram. DEAR SIR,-Seven o'clock is not a very early hour to get up these fine bright mornings, and one would think that at that unearthly hour in our fine, new luxuriously-heated Post Office at ly complete and accurate. From an engineer- least one Postal clerk might be in attendance on the mornings when the Coastal mails close (at eight o'clock) to sell postage stamps, &c. Having occasion to go to the Post Office on Friday morning last when the mails were being

ward, there was no one in attendance up to ten minutes to 8 o'clock. Would it be too much to ask the P. M. G " Umbria" heads the list with an average time to attend himself at 7 o'clock to see that his clerks are at their post. Yours. &c.,

dispatched (see ad.) per Curlew for the West-

St. John's, Jan. 21, 1888. J. SMITH. MR. PARNELL'S HEALTH.

IN a recent Paris letter M. Adolf Houssaye says: "Mr. Parnell, I am afraid, is seriously ill. A few days ago, entering the house of a famous physician, I met a gentleman coming out, whom I recognized as the great Irish leader. He seemed to avoid recognition as far as possible, and hastened away to a close carriage. When I saw the physician I mentioned the circumstance. "Oh," said he, mine. He is an Englishman, and comes all treatment. Of course I cannot tell you any thing about his ailment." I do not know whether the doctor was prevaricating or not. But I am sure it was Mr. Parnell I met, and I am sure, too, of what is well known in London, that Mr. Parnell has a house in one of the suburbs of that city where he spends much of his time, and where he is known as Mr. Preston. The physician at whose house this incident occurred is one of the ablest specialists in Paris, his particular hobby being diseases of the blood and skin and cancerous affections. There have been rumors from time

to time that Mr. Parnell is suffering from cancer."

POSTPONEMENT.-We have been requested to state that the tes and entertainment under the auspices of St. Thomas' Branch C. E. T. S.

and Woman's Association (which was proposed A HOLYROOD correspondent, writing under to be held the beginning of February at St. Patrick's Hall), have been unavoidably postponed until Easter week. An enjoyable time may then be looked for, as several ladies and gentlemen of well-known musical ability have charge of the programme.

tion on rational terms. So the state of the is simply this: as we must have a change, and or harm is it likely to do us.

of former letters in order to keep the question clear and connectedly before your readers' minds; now I will attempt to answer the question of the country, taking up the thread of the discussion where I left off.

OUR LANDS.

I stated in my last letter that our lands (meaning the most valuable portion of them) no longer belong to us as a people. They have been appropriated at a nominal price, or at no price at all, by individuals amongst us who can never, in all human probability, turn them to the slightest account. The proof of this statement may be found in the archives of the Colonial Building. Without questioning the legal rights, under existing enactments, of those persons to the lands they have appropriated, we must feel that those lands, now virtually lost to the people, would, in the hands of an intelligent and wealthy Government, become sources of employment and prosperity to us. If the day should ever come (and it is fast coming) when this country shall be pronounced by the world a region endowed by Providence with riches of His own making

-if, while the seas refuse their tribute, and poverty reigns supreme, we might still look forward with hope to a time when our mother earth shall open up her bosom to supply our cravings, we could then have pride in the future and comfort in the present, even if left to ourselves. But while the people are beggared, the Government shackled, the land doomed to desolation, no such hope can beam upon usthe country's breast is closed to us, and the her late residence, Heavy Tree Road, on Tuesday next children of her womb are famishing.

The Government of Canada must be strangely obtuse one if it does not see the necessity of putting an end to the monopoly of mineral lands in all parts of the Dominion. and of refusing those indiscriminate grants that alone would turn a rich country into a desert. As to increase of agricultural enterprise here, that is a thing that time, necessity. and example will bring about, and Confederation will, in every sense, help on the good cause.

(Concluded to-morrow.)

THE EGG OF THE GREAT AUK.

An egg of the Great Auk was sold last week at an auction in Covent Garden for 160 guines. About seven years ago a Scotch naturalist picked up two of these eggs for 10s. at an Edinburgh sale, and within a few weeks he resold them for 202 guineas.-Truth.

IT appears that the person to whom reference was made on Saturday in our news columns as having been conveyed to the Poor House on a slide was offered the use of a horse and sleigh for the purpose, but refused it. Mr. Dapphy called at this office this forenoon and shewed us an order tendering such a vehicle. The applicant for admission had some prejudice against going to the Asylum, and insisted upon being taken there in the way described, much to Mr. Morris' annovance when he saw the parties entering the gate-way. It is satisfactory to find from all this that, after all, this is a country where the sermon on the Mount finds admission to the heart.

FROM CAPE RACE

(Special to the Evening Telegram.) CAPE RACE, This Evening. Wind northwest, blowing a brisk breeze with thick snow squalls. No vessels have been sighted to-day.

BIRTH. On the 19th instant, the wife of Captain E. Dingle, of A daughter. At No. 11 Maxse street, on the 21st inst., the wife of H. D. Carter, of a son.

DIED. On Saturday evening, 21st inst., at No. 149 LeMarchant road, Mary Rose, beloved daughter of Capt. Jno. Green, aged 24 years. Funeral on Tuesday, at 3 o'clock; friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to atten without further notice.—"Gone to be with Jesus." On Sunday morning, at 6.30 o'clock, after a short ill-ness, Ann, relict of the late William Ruby, a native of Abbots Kersfull, Devon, England. Funeral will leave

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED 21-Elizabeth McLea, Bate, Figueira, 26 days, CF Bennett & Co-142 tons salt.

CLEARED. 21-Lavinia, Mitchell, Pernambuco, J & W Stewart -4537 qtls fish. Sea Lark, Green, Barcelona, Baine, Johnston & Co-4600 qtls fish. Pride of the Channel, Piper, Pernambico, P&L Tessier-3532 atls fish.

23-Minnie, Row, Lisbon, E Duder-2500 gtls fish LOADING.

Jany 13-Carpasian, Brazil, W Grieve & Co. 18-Hebe, Brazil, Baine, Johnston & Co. 19-Lilian, Europe, Job, Bros & Co. 20-Fanny, Brazil, Job, Bros & Co. Helen Isabel, Brazil, Baine, Johnston & Co. 21-Prince LeBoo, Liverpool, J Murray.



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