General News.

—Peace has been completely restored in Egypt on the Abyssinian frontier, and trade has been reopened between Kassala and Massowah.

—James Keenan, the noted sporting man of Boston, has issued a challenge offering to match his trotting horse Frank, record with running mate 1.08¾, against Jay-Eye-See for $5,000 a side.

Eggs.—Dealers are preparing for extensive shipments of eggs to Boston. It is very difficult to handle them at this season of the year. They are worth 50 cents per dozen in Boston.—*St. John News.*

—An English Veterinary Surgeon, now in this country, says that *Sheridan's Cowdery Condition Powders* are superior to any he knows of in England, as they are absolutely pure. He denounces the large package fraud and warns people not to buy them.

—A gentleman in Tucson, Cal., belongs to fourteen different secret societies. If he were sick he would get $35 per week as sick benefits, besides being entitled to the weekly attendance of twelve doctors and twenty-four nurses.

Hydrophobia from Skunk's Bite.—Several New Jersey farmers have lately lost a number of cattle and hogs, hydrophobia showing itself in an unmistakable manner, and their conclusion is, that the bite of a skunk was the original in several cases.

—Rev. George Walker, who died at New Glasgow on Friday last, was one of the oldest and best known Presbyterian ministers in this province. He was almost a pioneer in Pictou County, and left a large family with a host of sympathysing friends.—*Chronicle.*

—Charles Nash, of Stapleton, L. I., on a wager of $10, ate on Friday 300 oysters, five pounds of roast beef, and drank twelve "schooners" of lager without leaving the table. He did not seem uncomfortable after an hours' moderate walking, and said he could repeat it within a few days.

—E. W. Fellows of Cleveland, Ohio, after two years of experimenting, has succeeded in inventing a way of taking instantaneously and with absolute permanency photographs upon any substance having a smooth surface, by the employment of electricity. The expense is less than one cent for each picture.

—Owing to depreciation of landed property in Ireland, a scheme is in preparation for the relief of the owners. It is proposed to establish a land bank, with Government guarantee, which will be empowered to lend money to landlords to pay off encumbrances created before the Land Act of 1881, and also to lend money to tenants for the purpose of purchasing holdings.

—An English immigrant girl, recently imported, who has been living as a servant at Mr. J. W. Bigelow's, Wolfville, was arrested last week, on the charge of stealing a purse containing one hundred dollars from her employer. She was arrested at Kentville and after a while confessed her guilt but no money could be found. She alleged that she had dropped it on the ground. Subsequent search failed to find it. The girl was released and went to Halifax.

Barnum's White Elephant.—*London* Jan. 28.—There has been a lively dispute during the whole week as to the merits of Barnum's elephant. Flower, President of the Zoological Society, considering it to be an interesting specimen. Numerous experts, residents of and travelers in India and Burmah, testify that the animal is neither white in a technical sense nor scred, and is in no respects different from hundreds of other elephants commonly seen in the East. Professor Flower announces that the pretended religious ceremony advertised will not be tolerated in the Zoological Gardens.

Heavy Policemen.—A boastful paragraph in a Montreal paper to the effect that some four or five of the police force there weighed 205 pounds each, stimulated the curiosity of our policemen as to their weight, and yesterday a number selected at random took the scales to ascertain their figures. It was found that eleven averaged 125 pounds each, and as many more went about 195. The heaviest man on the force, now in rather poor condition, yet tips the beam at 243. As our force are hard-worked and have lots of exercise, there is no telling what they might be fed up to.—*Chronicle.*

Don't Eat Them.—Lake and river trout caught through the ice have been frequently on sale in the market of late. The close season by law is only from 1st November to 1st January, but it is well known that until the 1st of March at least, after the spawning season, the fish are sick and slimy and apt to be very unhealthy. Some of them recently exposed for sale were analyzed and pronounced decidedly unfit for food, several containing tape-worms. Householders will therefore do well to confine their fish diet to the salt water and pickled varieties for the present.—*Chronicle.*

Maine Lumber Industry.—On the various waters of this State last winter, there were cut 532,607,107 feet of lumber. The Penobscot is the greatest source of supply, there having been cut on that river and its branches 140,285,000 feet, or more than one fourth of the whole. The next greatest cut was made upon the Kennebec—128,572,000 feet. On other rivers, as follows:—St. John, in Maine, 68,365,000; Saint Croix, in Maine, 46,500,197; Aroostook, in Maine, 29,000,000; Saco, 29,000,000; Narraguagus, 11,085,000; Machias, 27,000,000; Union, 26,300,000; Denneys, 2,500,000; other waters, 26,000,000.

A Woman's Bail Accepted.—*Montreal,* Jan. 31.—Judgment was rendered by Justice Rainville in a somewhat novel case said to be the first of the kind before the courts here, viz Slesor *et al* v. A. E. Desilest. Defendant having been arrested under a capias, offered as security one Lebanc and his mother, a widow lady. The plaintiffs objected to this security on the ground that a female could not be received as judicial bail, and this contention was maintained. Defendant's counsel then presented a petition before the Hon. Justice Rainville in Chambers asking that such decision be revised and annulled, quoting articles of the Civil Code to show that a woman having become judicial security was *contraignable par corps.* The court held the same view and granted the petition.

—The Dominion Alliance has decided to hold the temperance Sunday this year upon the second Sunday before Christmas. Senator Vidal was re-elected President of the alliance. It was decided to open a free will donation testimonial to the family of the late secretary, Rev. Thomas Gales, deceased. A resolution was passed notifying all counties where the Scott Act is to be submitted to have everything ready by the first of July and demand election for the month of October. A deputation was appointed to wait on the Government with reference to having prohibitory resolutions presented to Parliament this session. Prof. Foster (Conservative), and Fisher (Liberal), will second the resolutions. Foster has been appointed spokesman for the Alliance in the Commons in place of G. W. Ross, who has joined the Ontario Government.

Presence of Mind in a Dog.—The Boston *Journal* says that on Jan. 23rd last, Elmor Wier, aged ten, while skating on the mill pond at Salem, Mass., ventured out too far on the thin ice, near the lower sluceway, where there is a powerful current, and fell through. A Newfoundland dog, who had followed the little fellow to the shore, at once perceived the lad's danger, and ran to his assistance. The boy in the mean time, had been drawn under the ice. The dog made a large space of open water, and diving quickly, brought the boy to the surface, dragging him thence to the shore. Some men in the vicinity who witnessed the accident attempted to rescue the lad, but were unable to reach him on account of the thinness of the ice, and he would have been drowned but for the dog. The animal was a waif recently adopted by the family.

An Insolvent Law.

The insolvent Bill prepared by the Boards of Trade of Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal, and which they ask to have made law at the present session of Parliament, is summarized by the Montreal *Gazette* as follows:—

The bill, it may be said at the outset, provides simply for the equitable distribution of the assets of insolvent debtors, leaving the debtor himself in precisely the same position in which he stands to-day; and in this respect it differs from all recent laws relating to bankruptcy. It is drafted generally on the lines of the old insolvent law, as to those features of it relating to the classes of persons who may be held to be traders, as to what constitutes bankruptcy, and as to other features of administration of estates which may be said to be common to all insolvency laws. The important difference, those of which most importance is attached, are such as relate to the persons who may be charged with the duty of winding up the estates. There is no place for official assignees in this bill, and we fancy that the general public will feel a sense of relief at this statement. Except in counties and districts containing cities with a population, according to the late census, of more than 20,000 people the sheriff of such county or district is made the guardian under the Act; and in counties and districts containing cities of over 29,000, one person is to be appointed by the Board of Trade of such city to be the guardian. These guardians occupy substantially the position which the interim assignee occupied under the old law. Any creditor who by affidavit establishes the fact, to the satisfaction of a judge or prothonotary that a trader is indebted to him for two hundred dollars, and that such trader has become insolvent, is entitled to a writ of attachment addressed to the guardian who, in virtue of such writ becomes possessed in trust of the estate, which he is required forthwith to seize. Provision is made for oppositions on the part of the debtor, which are to be disposed of summarily. And immediately after the date within which writ of attachment may be contested, or immediately after the contestation has been rejected, or with the consent of the debtor in writing immediately after the writ has been issued, the guardian shall call a meeting of the creditors of the debtor, to be held within fifteen days thereafter," and provision is made for the manner in which the notice is to be given; and with the ending of that meeting the duty of the guardian ceases.

When the creditors assemble at their first meeting their duty is to appoint a trustee; but it is provided that no guardian, his partner, associate, agent, employer or clerk, shall be elected or appointed a trustee to any estate under this Act, nor shall any guardian, his partner, associate, agent or clerk, as afore be employed by the trustee in any manner, directly or indirectly, in the winding up of the estate; nor shall any secured creditor, his partner or employee be appointed trustee. Provision is made for the giving of security by the trustee and for the management of the estate; for the transference of the estate from the guardian to the trustee; for the appointment by the creditors of one or three inspectors, who shall superintend and direct the proceedings of the trustee in the management and winding up of the estate; for the making of returns each year to the Secretary of State by the trustees; for the sale of debts; the dealing with leases, the sale of real estate, the payment of dividends, and the prevention of frauds and fraudulent preferences. It is provided that all questions discussed at meetings of creditors shall be decided by a majority of votes being circulated as follows:—For any claim over $100 and not exceeding $200, one vote; over $200 and not exceeding $500, two votes; over $500, and not exceeding $1,000, three votes, and an additional vote for every $1,000 or fraction thereof. These, in general terms, are the provisions of the proposed law. It seems admirably adapted to accomplish the object sought for, namely, a uniform system for all parts of Canada, for the distribution of the estates of insolvent debtors.

The "City of Columbus" Catastrophe.

For four or five days after the wreck of the "City of Columbus," several columns of each issue of the American dailies were filled with descriptions and details of the harrowing scences. Among numerous incidents, the following are related:—

SAVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

J. Tibbitts, the passenger, was taken from Gay Head, tells a thrilling story of his experience on the wreck. He says:

"I was awakened by the shock of the vessel striking on a rock; hurriedly dressed and came on deck with my room-mate, a civic engineer from Roxbury, whose name I did not know. We came out together. I had fastened a life-preserver around me. My room-mate laughed at me, and said I had better not wear a life preserver, as it might frighten passengers. He refused to put one on. He came on deck, and, when we saw how bad the situation was, we agreed to stand by each other to the last. When the ship heeled over and killed one man, we were separated. I think I was the first man on deck after the vessel struck. I saw the buoy on the port side. I asked the officer whom I saw on deck what the matter was. He replied that the vessel would soon be over the ledge, and would be all right. I went to the sailors' quarters and saw them rush up the companionway. They told me the vessel was aground, and things looked bad. I next went along by the cabin doors, and saw some passengers dressing, and some still asleep in their births. Every one awake asked if there was any danger. I generally replied, "keep cool and do your best. Get your life-preservers on." I helped some of them to tie on life-preservers. Almost all got them on backside foremost. By this time the vessel had heeled over and filled. The greatest confusion then ensued. Women screamed and prayed. Shrieks could be heard above the roar of the sea. The waves were clean breaking over her. I stood for a moment abaft of the upper companion way, and saw a young woman in the companion way holding up a baby over her head. She was shrieking, "Oh! my baby, my darling baby." The waves were dashing around her, and spray leaped over her head. Then a monstrous wave seized her, and carried both the mother and baby into the ocean. I heard a passenger complaining to the captain that he had lost his baggage. "Your baggage," exclaimed the captain. "Don't think of that pity me, on whom all the blame for this will rest." I saw men and women struggling with each other in the waves. It seemed as if every one was being swept off the deck into the sea. I did not suffer much from cold, although I had no overcoat; the life preserver kept me warm. I put my hands into my bare bosom to keep them from freezing. I saw man after man drop dead out of the rigging. There was much praying when the lifeboat came out in the morning. The crew shouted for us to jump into the sea. I prepared to do so, but an Irishman next to me, turned around a raised arm to strike, saying: "You don't go into that boat ahead of me." I dodged the blow, and the next instant had leaped into the sea and was swimming for the boat. I regard myself as having been saved by the grace of God.

Among the confused mass who were struggling and screaming was noticed a middle-aged man and wife. Their conduct was in marked contrast with that of the other passengers. The panic which had seized the others was not shared by them. The only movement of muscles or nerves was that produced by the chilling atmosphere. They stood close together, their hands clasped in each other, as if alone to contemplate suicide together, and thus fulfill the martial vow of standing by each other in the varying tide of life's fortunes and misfortunes. As the wreck careened with the gale from one side to the other, and while the spray and waves were drenching them at every moment, the husband turned and imprinted a kiss upon the companion of his life, and while thus embraced a heavy sea broke over the wreck and both were washed away and not seen afterwards.

—The *Maryland Farmer* says that if the base of the horns and the insides of the ears of a cow are a good golden yellow she is sure to be a good butter cow.

—A great ten mile skating race took place in New York recently, in which were engaged a large number of the most noted skaters on this continent, including the Norwegian Paulsen, and Elliott, the Canadian, who it will be remembered beat the former with apparent ease in Montreal last winter.

We make the following extracts from the New York World in reference to the race:—

"The men started at 8.45 o'clock, Paulsen, the Norwegian taking the lead at the start and retaining it until the finish. He was followed very closely by Elliott, the Canadian, and Philips and Pfaff, with the rest in a bunch not far in the rear, for the first mile, which Paulsen accomplished in 3.34, with the others close behind. The skaters all kept up for the second mile, and were very close together for the third, with Paulsen in the lead, and Elliott and Phillips pressing them closely. After the third mile the weaker ones began to fall behind, and at the end of the fifth two or three had withdrawn from the race, while the Norwegian and the Canadian kept close together in the lead. The spectators were very enthusiastic, and encouraged the skaters by cheers and applause as they swept around the track. Paulsen, the Norwegian, is very near-sighted, and he wore glasses and skated with short, quick strokes with his hands behind his back. After the ninth mile was finished, Paulsen, Elliott, Philips and Pfaff put forth their utmost endeavors and whirled around the track like streaks of light. The last three passed and repassed each other on the first lape and Elliott made a desperate effort to overtake the Norwegian, but Paulsen came in the winner, having accomplished the ten miles in 39.07 and beaten the record by four minutes. Elliott came in close behind him in 42.10, and Philips was only 48 1-5 seconds behind him, so the four men in first were ahead of the record. The best ten mile skating record previous to this week was 43.53. On Tuesday the record was lowered to 42.53 at Montreal. A Chambers, of London, Ont., was one of the competors."

The New American Tariff Bill.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Representative Morrison completed his tariff bill this morning and introduced it into the House. A reduction of 20 per cent. is made in numerous articles, while in a few cases the reduction is greater or less than this rate. A provision prevents any reduction to the rate lower than the Morrill Act of 1861. The bill provides that it shall go into effect 1st July, 1884. The following are some of the articles on which a reduction of 20 per cent. is made:—Cotton goods, hemp jute and flax goods, wool and woollens, metals (other than ores), books papers, etc., sugar, tobacco, wood and woodenware, earthenware and glassware, salt, coal, bristles and lime, and some chemical products.

THE FREE LIST.

The following are some of the articles exempt from duty: Iron ores, copper ores, lead ores and lead dross, nickel in crude matter; chromate of iron or chromic ore; coal, slack or culm; coal, bituminous or shale; timber hewn and sawed, and timber used for spars and in building wharves; wood manufactured, not specially enumerated or provided for in this Act; hay, dextrine, burnt starch; gum, substitute of British gum; extract of hemlock and other bark used for tanning, all barks, beans, berries, balsams, beans, wood tar, coal tar, crude coal tar, and products of berries, balsams, buds, bulbs and bulbous roots, and excrescences, herbs, leaves, lichens, mosses and nuts.

TELEGRAPH NOTES FOR THE WEEK.

New York, Feb. 1.—The business failures of the last seven days are reported by R. G. Dun & Co., number for United States 329 and for Canada 44, total 373 as compared with 317 last week.

London, Feb 1.—Two invalid members of H. M. Stanley's expedition on Congo River have arrived at Madeira. It is their positive opinion that De Brazza, the leader of the French expedition, is dead, as at last accounts he was surrounded by hostile natives who refused to allow his followers to approach him.

Ottawa, Feb. 2nd.—A delegation of Parliament waited on Sir L. Tilley to-day for the purpose of representing to him the importance of endeavoring to get reciprocal arrangements with other countries, for the exchange of trade. The desirability of bringing about some arrangement whereby Canada could exchange with the West Indies, Mexico, and the Hawaiin Islands, its lumber and fish trade for molasses and sugar, more particularly the former, was forcibly impressed upon the Finance Minister, who promised to give the matter his best consideration. It is understood that a motion will be made in the Commons for the correspondence relating to this question.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—Fifty destitute Cornish miners have located here. They left England on the false representations of agents, who stated that their services were much needed on the railways. There is no work for them, and they naturally consider that they have been victimized. Most of them have families in England depend on their labors.

Cincinnatti, Jan. 31.—Patrick Hartnet, aged 49, a laborer, brutally killed his wife this morning, and endeavored to chop the body in pieces and hide it under the floor.

Moscow Jan. 31.—Lieut. Harper and Master Scharetz escorting the corpse of Lieut. de Long and his comrades started for Hamburg to day. A solemn procession followed the coffins to the railroad station where the chief Lutheran pastor of the city delivered his address.

Ottawa Jan. 30—The total cash subsidy earned by the C. P. R., to date is $39,712,982, on central and western divisions, $2,569,229; on the eastern division, of which there has been paid by the Government $0,384,993; $2,150,888 respectively. In addition the company has earned of the land subsidy $13,303,842 less one-fifth retained by the Government as security for the completion of contract.

Ottawa, Jan. 31st.—It is very doubtful whether the Government will take any action in the matter of the petition presented yesterday regarding the equitable distribution of insolvent estates, as the proposed legislation is said to find little favor outside of Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton.

Galveston, Tex. Jan 31.—A special from Dallas says a strange and fatal disease is reported to have broken out among cattle in the Western part of this county. Large numbers have died. The disease fails to yield to treatment. A mass meeting of cattlemen was held at Grand Prairie looking toward a movement to check the ravages of the disease.

Montreal, Jan. 28.—The mammoth Ice Palace on Dominion Square was finished to-day, and, being illuminated this evening by electric light, attracted a large number of visitors. The City Clerk received a letter this afternoon from the Governor-General's Secretary, advising him of the intended arrival of His Excellency and Lady Lansdowne in Montreal next Monday afternoon, and of their Excellencies' engagement during the week's stay in the city. Final arrangements have been made by the Corporation for the reception and entertainment of the Vice-Royal party. Next week civic holidays are announced, and it is proposed to close the public schools. Twenty-one palace cars have been engaged to convey visitors to the carnival from New York.

Newspaper Editors and Subscribers.

BY GNO GNAME.

Speak a good word when you can
Of all deserving editors;
But words alone, however good,
Will never pay their creditors.
How they do their work so well
Remains a perfect mystery;
Giving, as they do, the best
Of fiction, fact, and history,
They are the mighty of the land,
Without the least disparity;
Without applause they labor on,
In faith, in hope, in charity.
Pay up your dues:—I will not say
Another word upon it, or,
Sure I am that I should praise
Bridgetown's Weekly Monitor.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

—A Wilmot correspondent sends us the following, under date of Feb 2nd, 1884:—

Dear Monitor:—

I am glad to see from your report of the carnival which took place on the evening of the 6th ult., that the rink enterprise in Bridgetown has been a success, and that the young people are enjoying the healthful exercise. We have as yet no rink here yet, but I am in hopes that the next winter will see one at Middleton; as it is however, our folks are not behind in the desire to keep the blood in circulation, during the cold weather. The skating on the river for many miles has been excellent, and our boys and girls have not failed to take advantage of the circumstances day and night. Dancing too has not been neglected and some very pleasant little parties have taken place in our neighborhood since Christmas. Of one which occurred on the evening of the 31st ult., I must give you a short description. A few intimate friends conceived the idea of having a nice little "fancy dress party" a kind of sociable, "go as you please affair." Accordingly on the evening of the above named day, they drove to "Woodland's," the residence of W. S. Pineo, Esq., prepared to have a pleasant time. The company, though small, was a very jolly one. The dresses were tastefully got up, and the characters well sustained throughout. With your permission I will name a few of them, commencing of course with the ladies. First there was morning, and the light of so lovely a sunrise was sufficient to dispel every mist, real or imaginary, and you may suppose would have been quite appropriate at the breaking up hour, had it been delayed a little longer. Then there was a lady of this time last century, gracefully and vigorously sustained by a lady who impressed us with the idea that if they danced as well in ye olden time we have not improved in the art during the last hundred years. Next was Miss Finch. This character, that of a fussy old maid, was represented by a young lady whose histrionic abilities are very much above the average. The part was well played and occasioned many a hearty laugh. Red, White and Blue, was well assumed by a young lady who is deservedly popular with all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance, and who on this occasion in the most self-sacrificing manner presided at the piano during most of the evening, while others enjoyed the dancing. We had also a Spanish Lady in sombre black, and Spring in pure white which appropriately draped the form of the daughter of "Morning."

Among the characters assumed by the gentlemen were: a duke, much given to hospitality, a jester who was as agile as a parched pea, a tragedian, who would also have made a good acrobat; Old Curiosity who always knew where the laugh came in; a youthful field officer, etc. A dainty supper was served at twelve and thoroughly enjoyed by the hungry group, after which the dancing and fun was carried on fast and furious, until well into the "wee sma hours" when the company separated in great good humor with themselves and each other, and well pleased with their first attempt at a fancy dress, "go as you please."

Father Pipe.

(To the Editor of the Monitor.)

Dear Sir—In looking over the account of the proceedings of the Municipal Council at their Annual Meeting, as reported in your issue of the 23rd inst., I see, under the head of "Miscellaneous Bills," two bills presented, one presented by Benjamin Jarvis, the other by Wallace Young, for arresting three prisoners and conveying them to jail. The amount of said bills being seven and eight dollars respectively.

The Municipal Council in their wisdom, saw fit to cut down these bills to $2.50 and $2.00 respectively.

Now, Mr. Editor, I think this a gross injustice to the parties mentioned, and I may say, as I am well acquainted with the facts of the case, having been the committing magistrate, that I think the bills as presented were not excessive, especially that of Mr. Jarvis, who, after spending one day, bringing the prisoners mentioned up for examination, conveyed them to Annapolis by train, where he of necessity had to remain over night. The next day, "there being no train on account of a heavy spring freshet," Mr. Jarvis started for home on foot, but on account of the impassable roads, failed to reach home, until the evening of the third day. Three days hard work, for $2.50, and pay his own expenses!

These, Mr. Editor, are facts; and I do think, if constables are all used in this manner for performing what must be very unpleasant duty, it is no wonder they shirk whenever possible. Certainly they get but small pay if they are all put in the same boat.

I do not wonder Bridgetown is infested with rowdies and that a constable cannot be found to arrest them, if their bills when presented are ignored as those I have mentioned.

I might go still further in this matter, but refrain, as I only wish to point out the injustice done to Messrs. Jarvis and Young on this occasion. Thanking you for space, Mr Editor, I remain yours in justice,

W. M. Forsyth.

Paradise, Jan. 28th, 1884.

Explanation.

Mr. Editor,

In the report of Auditors I find among delinquencies of Collectors that Ward 10 is charged with a deficiency of $149.47, and I must here state, that the whole amount of the Rate Roll was promptly paid up, except about $9, which the Collector contended he had no right to pay as the parties rated had left the County before the Roll was made up, and as I expected this would be referred to the Council, I left the account open; this small sum, with the commissions, fully squares the bill.

I also observe that in other Wards the amounts paid in are simply deducted from amount of bill, and no allowance made for lossage or Commissions.

I would further state that monies have been paid in since 31st Dec., notably, No. 12 in full, and No 1, $245. Numbers 6 and 14 are nearly, if not quite, paid up, though no settlements have been made.

W. Y. Foster, Co Treas.

Bridgetown, 30th Jan., 1884.

Important Matters in the Dominion Commons.—Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 28—In the House to-day, the Postmaster General replying to a question, said it was not the intention of the Government to reduce the rate of postage on letters from three to two cents as adopted in the United States. He also said the Government did not intent to mature a scheme whereby the express business of the country could be carried on in connection with the Post Office business.

Mr. Blake, in moving for the correspondence touching the negotiations of commercial treaties with other countries, reminded the Finance Minister of the latter's speech last session, in which he said that arrangements would be completed during the recess for an exchange of commodities with Brazil, Cuba, France, Spain and the United States.

The leader of the Opposition said the country was anxious to know what the Finance Minister and High Commissioner had done in the matter.

The Finance Minister replied that negotiations were still pending with all the countries mentioned except France, with which he had failed to make any satisfactory arrangements.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—The greatest consternation, nearly amounting to a panic, has been created in all departments of the Russian Government by the unusual activity of the Nihilists the past few days. A Nihilist plot to poison the Imperial family was discovered this morning. Since the murder of Colonel Sundekin, the food which is supplied for use at the Imperial table is carefully examined by experts before being sent to the table. This morning the experts in their usual examination disclosed the fact that the bread which was intended for use at the Imperial breakfast table was thoroughly impregnated with strychnine and that a small quantity of the bread eaten by a person would produce death almost immediately after this discovery telegrams were received, one announcing that a policeman named Solicloff had been murdered by Nihilists at Kharkoff early this morning and another statement that a serious rising has occurred in Little Russia and asked that troops be sent at once to quell the insurrection.

Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Kidney, Liver or Urinary Disease.

Have no fear of any of these diseases if you use Hop Bitters, as they will prevent and cure the worst cases, even when you have been made worse by some great puffed up pretended cure.

St. John Country Markets.

Beef from 4c to 8½c per pound; mutton from 6c to 8c per pound; lamb from 6c to 8c per pound; veal, 5 to 9c; chickens from 60c to 75c per pair; fowl from 50c to 60c per pair; ducks from 60c to 90c per pair; potatoes 40c to 80c per bushel; eggs 33c to 35c per dozen; butter (tub) 18c to 22c per pound; butter (roll) 24c to 26c per pound; lard 16c to 18c per pound; pork (fresh) 8c to 8½c; celery 75c to 85c per dozen; ham, 13 to 15c per pound; carrots $1.50 per bbl; beets $1.25 to $1.50 per bbl; hides 6c to 6½c per pound; calf skins 11c to 13c per pound; lamb skins 60c to 65c; parsnips $2.00 per bbl; cabbage $1.20 to $1.50 per dozen; buckwheat meal $1.60 to $2.50 per cwt; turkeys, 16c to 18c per pound; geese 75c to $1 each; yarn, 60c to 75c per pound; socks, $2.50 to $3 per doz; mitts, $3.50 to $4.50 per doz; partridges, 45c to 50c per pair; rabbits, 15c per pair; oats, 40c to 42c per bushel.

Fish quotations:—Cod, 4c to 5c per pound; haddock, 10c to 20c each; mackerel, 6c to 8c each; clams, 25c per quart; corned hadnock, 8c each; dry cod, 6c per pound; dry pollock, 15c each; smelts, 8c per pound; pickerel, 8c per pound; perch, 6c per pound; herring 12c per dozen; trout 18c per pound.

☞ Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer imparts a fine gloss and freshness to the hair, and is highly recommended by physicians, clergyman and scientists as a preparation accomplishing wonderful results. It is a certain remedy for removing dandruff, making the scalp white and clean, and restoring gray hair to its youthful color.

Advice To Mothers.

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, their is no mistake about it. It cures dysentry and diarrhoea, regulates the stomach and bowels, cures the colic, softens the gums, reduces the inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething is pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price 25 cents a bottle.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY NEXT.

Episcopal Church	7, p. m.
Methodist "	7, p. m.
Baptist "	11, a. m.
Roman Catholic Church	11 a. m., 3 p. m.

Births.

Daniel—At the Methodist Parsonage, Canning, N. S., on the 23rd ult., the wife Rev. R. A. Daniel, of a son.

Deaths.

Nelly—At Nictaux, Jan. 29th, Mr. Obediah Nelly, aged 66 years.

NOTICE.

C. A. LESLIE, DENTIST, will be in BEAR RIVER for the NEXT TWO WEEKS. 42 7i

GEO. S. COOK, PRACTICAL MACHINIST, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL. - N. S.

MILL MACHINERY of all kinds made and repaired.

Shafting and Saw Arbors a specialty.

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January 28th, 1884. 42 1y

ST. LAWRENCE CANALS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for St. Lawrence Canals," will be received at this office until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on TUESDAY, the 12th day of February next, for the construction of a lock and regulating weir and the deepening and enlargement of the upper entrance of the Cornwall Canal.

Also for the construction of a lock, together with the enlargement and deepening of the upper entrance of the Rapide Plat Canal, on middle division of the Williamsburg Canals, and the deepening, &c., of the channel at the upper entrance of the Galops Canal.

A map of the head or upper entrance of the Cornwall Canal and the upper entrance of the Rapide Plat Canal, together with plans and specifications of the respective works, can be seen at the Resident Engineer's office, Dickenson's Landing; and for the works at the head of the Galops Canal, at the Lock Keeper's house near the place, and in each case, plans, &c., can be seen at this office on and after Tuesday, the 29th day of January inst., where printed Forms of Tender can be obtained.

Contractors are hereby informed that trial pits have been sunk on the CORNWALL and RAPIDE PLAT sections of the works, and they are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and be accompanied by a letter stating that the person or persons tendering have carefully examined the locality and the nature of the material found in the trial pits, &c.

In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and further, a *bank deposit receipt* for the sum of $4,000 must accompany the tender for the Cornwall Canal Works. The tender for the Rapide Plat Works must be accompanied by a *bank deposit receipt* for the sum of $3,000. The tenders for the deepening, &c., at the head of the Galops Canal must be also accompanied by a *bank deposit receipt* for the sum of $3,000. The respective deposit receipts (cheques will not be accepted) must be endorsed over to the Hon. the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The deposit receipt thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

By order,
A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary.

Dept. of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 21st January, 1884.

New Advertisements.

JANUARY, 1884!

Printed Cottons!

We have opened a full stock of New English Prints, In Light, Medium and Dark Colors, ..FOR COMING.. SPRING & SUMMER TRADE These goods were imported in December to avoid the additional duty of 7 1-2 PER CENT, of which we give all buyers the full benefit.

BEARD & VENNING, 18 KING STREET, SOUTH SIDE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

WONDERFUL BARGAINS! IN MENS' YOUTHS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING, CLAYTON & Sons, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL CLOTHIERS. HALIFAX, N. S.

Hides! Hides!

The subscriber is still buying all the Hides offering, for which he is paying the highest cash rates.

BUTCHERS AND FARMERS are requested to call before selling elsewhere.

Always in Stock HARNESSES GOLDPLATE, SILVER, NICKLE, BRASS, & COPLATE of best styles and workmanship, Harness Leather and Furniture, for the trade.

Also manufacture and keep a full line of Leathers.

Sole, Harness, Wax, Grain, Pebble, Splits, Buff, Linings, and Chamois Skins, at wholesale or retail prices.

300 BUS. PLASTERER'S HAIR at low rates.

Having some of the best workmen in the Shoe Shop, I can furnish custom-made wear in best

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English, Balmoral, Congress Shoes, Patent and Cloth Uppers, French C. D., and Calfskins in stock as well as Shoe Findings.

A FEW DOZEN PAIRS OF EXTRA HEAVY KNEE BOOTS, OFFERED LOW

George Murdoch.

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ALSO,—A GRIST MILL, with good water power, in running order, which will be sold or rented.

Terms made known on application. Apply to B. B. DANIELS.

Lawrencetown, Nov. 6, '83. 3mt44pd

IN STORE, —AND— FOR SALE! SOFT COAL!

The public can be supplied on application to H. FRASER. Nov. 28, '83. Bridgetown.

New Fall and Winter Goods!

Mrs. W. E. MILLER has just received large additions to her stock of Goods, comprising

VELVETEENS and PLUSHES, suitable for Dress and Hat Trimmings.

A large assortment of FLOWERS AND RIBBONS.

A NICE LOT OF TIES.

HATS in all the Fashionable Shapes; Mantle Ornaments, &c.

Butterick's Patterns always on hand.

THE BRIDGETOWN SKATING RINK will be open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week. Skating to commence at half-past 7 o'clock.

ADMISSION 12 CENTS.

Jan. 3rd, '83.

New Advertisements.

SEPTEMBER 31ST, 1883.

COTTONS ADVANCING!

400 BALES AND CASES OF GREYS & WHITES.

Contracted for under old prices. We are prepared to fill all orders at Old Prices, notwithstanding any advance by the mills. Also, opening to-day, and previously received last month

585 PACKAGES BRITISH & FOREIGN DRY GOODS!

Dominion and United Stated manufacture.

HOMESPUUNS!

SPECIAL ATTENTION—1,600 PIECES ON HAND—Oxford, Willow Grove, Port Elgin, York Mills, which we are offering below regular prices. Opening to-pay, in addition.

Pilots, Beavers, Scotch Tweeds, Broad Cloth and Doeskins, Meltons, Nap Cloths, Presidents and Ulster Cloths, Tailor's Trimmings, Smallwares, and Fancy Goods. At our usual Terms,

5 00 PACKAGES TEA—all prime value.

T. R. JONES, & CO. Oct. 27. CANTERBURY STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B.

KEEP UP WITH THE PROCESSION.

BRIDGETOWN JEWELRY STORE, J. E. Sancton, Proprietor.

NOW on hand a choice selection of WALTHAM and SWISS WATCHES, in Gold and Silver; Eight and One Day CLOCKS, Castors, Cake Baskets, Butter Dishes, and Knives, Dinner and Desert do., Pickle Stands, Napkin Rings, Plain, Fancy and Band Rings, Vest and Neck Chains, Band and Bangle Braclets, Spectacles, Collar and Cuff Buttons, together with a variety of trinkets, usually found in a Jewelry Store.

CALL AND INSPECT.

Bridgetown, April 24th, 1883.

NEW MODEL TOP SNAP "CHAMPION"

SINGLE BREECH-LOADING SHOT GUN. Patented July 27th, 1880. THE BEST GUN IN THE MARKET Has Top Snap Action, Rebounding Lock, Pistol Grip, Patent Fore-end Fastening. Uses either Paper or Brass Central Fire Shells. The brass shells can be reloaded many hundred times, making it cost no more to shoot than a muzzle loader. PRICES: Plain Barrel, 12 bore, $15: do., 10 bore, $16; Twist Barrel, 12 bore, $18; do., 10 bore, $19. SEND ADDRESS FOR DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE TO JOHN P. LOVELL'S SONS, BOSTON, MASS., U. S. A. Wholesale and Retail Gun Dealers, P. O. Box, 2277. A sample gun may be seen at the office of this paper.

THE DIRECT Imported Tea has proved better than anticipated, both as regards STRENGTH and FLAVOR. Old Tea Drinkers pronounce it collent.

Another Invoice of SLEIGH ROBES ordered, and will be here Christmas, among them a few Buffalo Robes.

THE THIRD LOT OF Shoe Packs, has just been opened this month.

..A NEW LOT OF.. Waltham Watches, at prices that would astonish old dealers.

B. STARRATT. Paradise, Oct. 20th, 1883.

For THIRTY Days ONLY! GRAND Holiday Discount —IN PRICES!— THE Acadia Organ Co., HAVE decided to make a Special Discount during the Holiday Season, in order to close out their Fall Stock of Organs—AN OFFER NOT TO BE THROWN ASIDE! SEE: ORGANS in Solid black walnut cases, Richly embellished with Gold; with a commodious Music Cabinet; Highly Polished, containing an Action with twelve useful Stops; Four Full Sets of the Munroe Reeds, the best made, with right and left divided couplers; Grand Organ Swell and Right Knee Swell, which causes a great variety of expressions, and different effects.

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At Our Usual Price is	$165
Marked Down to	135
Style 2, Usual Price	155
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Style 3, Usual Price	145
Marked Down to	115
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