

The Evening Telegram

ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 4, 1888.

The Townships, Timber and Land Co.

SEVERAL weeks ago we published an account of the formation and intentions of the Townships, Timber and Land Company, of which Robert Bond, Esq., M.H.A. for Fortune Bay, is the President, and our readers will doubtless be pleased to hear of its very successful operation up to date, and bright prospects for the future.

These families have been selected from a considerable number of applicants, all of whom could not be attended to this autumn, and came from many different places in Trinity and Conception Bays, and some even from the Labrador.

Each family has five acres of land, with a frontage upon the road of five chains, and a rearge of ten chains; and if any settler wishes to increase the area of his land he can do so by extending the rearge. The land costs the settler eight dollars per acre, payable in two yearly instalments, which are to be deducted from the amounts due to each by the Company for logs.

There are now about 180 men employed in cutting timber, and the regular staff of the mill will be about twelve in number. Messrs. Howley, Harvey and Haddon, efficient land surveyors, have each reported that the land is of excellent quality, and it is all covered with a heavy growth of timber, wch-bazel of the finest quality being abundant.

A Post-Office notice announces that the mails for the Northward by the steamer Falcon will be made up after the arrival of the mail-boat from Halifax. It was subsequently stated at the Post Office that the northern mail will remain open till eight o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) morning.

which its success would hold out to others to come and do likewise.

A fortnight prior to the commencement of the colonization alluded to, the Government sent Mr. Mackinson, of Harbor Grace, with two assistants and a staff of surveyors, to establish an "agricultural settlement" on the Dildo Road, so-called. The cultivatable land was to be blocked off into ten-acre lots and twenty dollars per acre paid to laborers for clearing the same.

The contents of this excellent Christmas Number are as choice as they are varied and attractive; the taste of the most fastidious critic will be met here. The illustrations are all very fine. They comprise the Frontispiece, including Title—Dreaming of Christmas. Second Title Page, Ring in the New Year. Ring the Joy Bells, Ring. Peace on Earth. Love or Money. Poetry Illustrated. Birth of the Redeemer. Ferns and Flowers. The Happy Homestead. A Mummering Scene and Haul of Wood Thirty Years Ago.

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OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The "Standard's" Generous Tribute.

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THE PARADE RINK.

Professor Bennett's New Departure.

Our readers will have noticed by our advertising columns that a change of management of that fashionable centre of amusement—the Parade Rink—has taken place and that lovers of good skating, which soon becomes monotonous unless wedded to fine music, will be catered, to this season of 1888, by Professor Bennett in place of by the shareholders of that institution. There are few men who deserve more at the hands of the music-loving public than David Bennett. A leading member of the military band of the old Royal Newfoundland Companies, he has, since the disbandment of that famous corps, over thirty years ago, been the sole survival of its popular musical agency, and the only means, in fact, by his tuition of members of civic societies and by the formation, since his sons grew up in years, of a company of his own, to minister to the public taste for the music of a brass band. During those years he has had a pretty hard struggle in maintaining an efficient organization, for the field of furnishing popular evening concerts, so common a feature of social life in large centres of population, remained undeveloped here; but with the institution, at last, of this form of enjoyment and the establishment of skating rinks, the rewards and the stability of his band-corps have become more assured. This is all the more gratifying since Mr. Bennett has been always most liberal in giving the use of his band to help on charitable and other movements, free of charge, when required. The accommodation for ladies and gentlemen in the Parade Rink, under his management, will meet every requirement. The interior will be made bright as noon by four electric lights, and outside a fifth electric lamp will show the way. With a well-kept skating surface, and with the limitless number of brilliant and sweet airs in the repertory of the band, the Parade Rink bids fair to be a "favorite haunt of the masses" and of society this winter.

THE CASE OF REV. H. J. WOOD.

Letter From the Vestry of Trinity Church.

DEAR SIR,—I see in your columns of yesterday that particular reference is made to the Rev. H. J. Wood preaching in the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches on Sunday last, and that he was on a short visit to St. John's. His presence in St. John's is in connection with accusations of a very grave nature, brought against him by the vestry of the Reformed Episcopal Church of this city— which accusations he has not been able to clear himself of, and are still sustained by the vestry.

P.S.—I would also beg leave to state that the Rev. H. J. Wood has been excluded from officiating in Trinity Church since he came to St. John's this last time.

Thomas Kline Replies to Robert Scott.

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of Tuesday last, 27th Dec., there appeared the following advertisement, which, I presume, refers to me, although my name is not correctly spelled in same:

NOTICE: Whereas THOMAS KLINE, of St. John's, N. B., Tin Can-Maker and Sealer, engaged himself to subscribe on the 17th inst., for the winter and coming Lobster Season, and whereas said THOMAS KLINE has absented himself and cannot now be found, this is to warn all whom it may concern that any one harbouring or employing said THOMAS KLINE during the above period, will be dealt with as the law prescribes.

I would like to state through your columns that the contents of said notice are utterly untrue. I did not engage myself to Mr. Scott, as stated by him, neither did I hide myself in any way from him, and at the present moment I am open to an engagement for the coming season in any capacity, in connection with the business of preserving Lobsters. Any person requiring me can find me at No. 5 Delahanty's Lane, off Prescott Street. As the insertion of the notice in your widely-circulated newspaper must of necessity have a tendency to injure me in my reputation, I trust you will give this letter equal publicity, and by so doing oblige, Yours respectfully, THOMAS KLINE.

In the Magistrates' Court, yesterday, in the hearing of a suit, Drownse vs. Spry, for the settlement of outstanding differences between the two, an important part hinged upon the mode of notification for the renewal of fire insurance. Defendant demurred to his liability for the re-insurance of plaintiff's property. The policy had expired, but plaintiff, instead of sending defendant a written request to continue the risk, sent him a verbal message by his (plaintiff's) errand-boy. His Worship upheld this view—the notification should have been committed to writing. Defendant's payment into court of \$9.85, in settlement of balance, was accepted. Mr. Fraser for plaintiff; Mr. Clift for defendant.

By Telegraph

30,000 MINERS ON STRIKE.

Continuous Snow Storms in Europe.

MEATH AND DUBLIN PROCLAIMED.

Small-pox Spreading in San Francisco.

HALIFAX, N.S., JAN. 4. Thirty thousand miners are on strike at Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Snow storms in Europe continue. Railways are stopped and many deaths are reported from cold.

Counties Meath and Dublin have been proclaimed.

Small-pox is spreading in San Francisco. Eighty thousand immigrants settled in Canada last year.

FROM CAPE RACE.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.) CAPE RACE, This Evening.

Wind northwest, blowing a strong breeze and showery. The Allan steamer Peruvian went inward at 8.30 this morning, and the schooner Cleddu Belle at 9.20.

THE NEW CURRENCY DIFFICULTY.

DEAR SIR,—All the business men were prepared to adopt the system of dollars and cents, and the great majority of us were pleased that the long-looked-for order or proclamation had been issued by the Government, giving timely notice, so that we might make our arrangements for keeping accounts, &c.

The latest order or notice issued by the banks, however, takes all by surprise. Just twenty-four hours, and these money-making and save-the-few-at-the-expense-of-the-many institutions, keep their doors closed during the time, so that no opportunity is afforded the public of exchanging the coins that have been so unjustly reduced in value by those two banks.

There is a large amount of Canadian and American silver afloat throughout the island, and mostly in the hands of the middle and poorer classes of the people, from the amount in hand after last weeks receipts, that the small shop-keeper has, to the few shillings held by the trades people or laborers. All alike are robbed of twenty per cent. just by the order of two great monopolies, who, with us, like elsewhere, are barriers to the progress and prosperity of the great majority; but worse perhaps with us, than in most places, for the reason that the very same persons who control those institutions have also control of the Government of this unfortunate country.

Yours, &c., St. John's, Jan. 3, 1888. TRADER.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

The letter of our correspondent "Index," referred to yesterday, is unavoidably held over till to-morrow.

The barquentine Petunia, Captain Charles Nicholls, was cleared out this afternoon by Messrs. P. & L. Tessier, for Brazil, with three thousand and odd drums of the chief staple.

We are requested to state that the first of the services in connection with the "Week of Prayer" will be held in St. Andrew's Church at 7.30 this evening. The speakers will be Rev. George Bond, B.A., and Dr. Tait.

MARRIED.

On the 30th ult., at the residence of Mrs. Archibald Carmichael, Lazy Bank, by the Rev. Geo. J. Bond, Mr. Silas Bender Soper, of Carbonate, to Miss Sophia Catherine Oakley, younger daughter of the late Mr. William Carter, of Greenspond.

Last evening, at the R. C. Cathedral, by the Very Rev. Archdeacon Forristal, Mangle, youngest daughter of Sub-Inspector Kennan, to Captain John Anderson, a native of Sweden.

DIED.

On the 3rd inst., Henry Dyer, aged 27 years, a native of Liverpool, England. Funeral at 3 o'clock to-morrow from his residence, Queen's Road; friends and acquaintances will please attend without further notice.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED. Jan 3—Lavinia; Mitchell, Cardiff, 13 days, J & W Stewart—300 tons coal, S H Morse, Pike, Souris P.E.I., J & W Pitts—5993 bush oats, 150 qtrs qtrs beef, 37 carcas mutton, 3 pkgs poultry, 18 geese, 81 fowl. 4—Charles Tupper, Cassidy, Sydney, 9 days, A Goodridge & Sons—120 tons coal, 70 qtrs beef, Consuelo, Dornon, Turk's Island, 20 days, J Marrey—14 tons salt, Michael Joe, Daley, Charlottetown, 13 days, Clift, Wood & Co—300 bush oats, 70 qtrs beef, 29 carcas mutton, 50 heads cabbage, lot poultry. Energy, Strong Demerara, 30 days, A Goodridge & Sons—28 tons molasses. A K Walter, McNinis, Boston, 14 days, S March & Sons—250 bbls meal, 800 bbls flour, 20 brls apples, 20 brls oil, 20 brls pick part general cargo. CLEARED. Dec 31—Curlew, Dolaney, St Pierre, Bowring Bros—ballast, Zanol, Halford, Glace Bay, John Woods & Son—ballast, Little Willie, Toppet, Barcelona, E Duder—2800 qts fish, Porphy Dawson, Halifax, Harvey & Co—1319 qts fish, 177 brls herring. 4—Pawins, Nichols, Pernambuco, P & L Tessier—8866 qts fish.