

Yesterday the Medal presented by J. Skoob, Esq., President of the Avalon Curling Club, was played for and won also by Mr. Rankin with a score of 13 points.—Telegram, Feb. 20.

During the violent rain storm that took place on Sunday night, an accident which nearly proved fatal, happened at the South Side, by which one of our oldest, most patriotic and unswerving inhabitants nearly came by his death. It appears that recently an army of rats during their perigrinations took it into their heads to make a raid on the cellar of Mr. Jas. Fitzpatrick. Having gained admittance they were not slow in taking advantage of the "good things" around and hence in a short time Mr. Fitzpatrick noticed his potatoes growing "beautifully less." After many vain attempts to extirpate the rats, Mr. Fitzpatrick determined to resort to a means, which though perhaps not so honorable in dealing with such formidable adversaries, is nevertheless considered lawful in warfare—that is he determined to smoke them out. Having lighted a fire in the cellar for that purpose, the smoke which was intended to kill the rats nearly suffocated Mr. Fitzpatrick. Such was its effect on him that he fell to the ground and lay insensible for a long time. At length he has discovered by his son in that dangerous state and taken to his residence where he lay unconscious for a long time. We have since been informed that he is recovering rapidly. We wish the old veteran a speedy restoration to health, and hope that in his next encounter with the rats he will be more fortunate.

During the past seven days, news has been received in town of the loss of no fewer than three fish-laden vessels. On Saturday, the cable conveyed the intelligence that the brigantine Gipsy was lost on the previous night in the Channel. The crew, however, were all saved—later on the same day came the tidings that the brigantine Alexina was run down by a steamer off Malaga—her port of destination—and sunk. The crew, fortunately escaped with their lives. And on Thursday last news reached us of the loss of a vessel the Lucy, of Bixham also fish-laden, owned by John Steer, Esq., of St. John's—Standard.

A subscription list was opened by the Conception Bay Benevolent Irish Society at their annual meeting on Tuesday, to raise a fund for the relief of the distress in Ireland. A handsome sum was collected at the meeting and a committee chosen to collect and receive donations from the charitably disposed of all denominations. The following are the Committee Messrs P. Farrell H. J. Fitzgerald and D. Shea, Harbor Grace. T. Brown T. Calen and P. Fox, Carbonar.

The work of repairing the Guion liner Arizona, which was recently in collision with an iceberg off the banks of Newfoundland, has been almost completed by her builders, Messrs, John Elder and Co., Fairfield, Govan. She was brought to the Clyde about three weeks ago, and her repairs were pushed on with great rapidity, work being carried on at night by aid of the electric light. The vessel was first placed in the Govan Graving Dock, where a minute examination was made with the view of ascertaining the extent of the damage sustained. It was found that about twenty feet of the ironwork of the bow, to within a few feet of the collision bulkhead, had been completely carried away by the shock of the iceberg but in the other parts of the hull every plate was in its place, and not a single rivet had been started. The plating below the water-line having been repaired, the Arizona was removed to Messrs. Elder and Co.'s dock at Fairfield, where the remainder of the work necessitated by the collision was completed. The ship has received a thorough overhaul, while a decided improvement has been effected in the saloon, parquetry flooring having been substituted for carpets. There is nothing now about the vessel to indicate the severe trial which she stood so well. The Arizona leaves the Clyde on Saturday for Liverpool.—Liverpool Journal.

Religious News.

In Scotland there are 7 bishops, 212 churches and 225 clergy. Atlanta, Ga., January 14.—The formal dedication of the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception in this city was an imposing scene. The edifice was thronged with people. Bishops Greco and Lynch officiated, assisted by Catholic priests from all over the South. The marble and the other appointments of the church are said to be equal to any south Baltimore. Of the 19,000 contributed to the new Roman Catholic church, now almost ready for consecration at Haverstock Hill,

North London, £15,000 were contributed by converts to Catholicism residing in the neighborhood. The new church is the most imposing building of the kind belonging to any communion in this quarter of London.

In the British colonies and dependencies and on mission stations there are 63 bishops and about 2,600 clergy.

The Free Church of England has 40 churches and as many ministers.

The United Presbyterian Church—Thirty presbyteries, 544 churches, 583 ministers and a membership in Scotland, England and Ireland of 175,062. Total amount raised for church purposes, during the past year, £367,688.

Minor Religious sects—Of these there are 165, the chief of whom are the Unitarians, with 355 ministers, 352 chapels and about 80 mission stations; the Society of Friends, with 827 meeting houses, 265 recorded ministers and 400 unrecorded, 14,500 members, habitual attendants at meetings, not members, 4,913; the Moravians, 56 ministers, 38 congregations, 5,604 members, 6,028 scholars; the Swedenborgians, 64 societies, with 4,987 members. The Mormons have 82 churches, the Jews 90 synagogues, 150 ministers or readers. There are 50,000 Jews in Great Britain, mainly in London or other large towns. The Calvinistic Methodists in Wales, 1,269 chapels and preaching places, 814 preachers, 3,932 deacons, 116,000 communicants, 31,884 teachers, 160,000 scholars; number belonging to congregations, 276,406.

The following estimated number of religious denominations among English speaking communities throughout the world:—Episcopalians, 18,000,000; Methodists of all descriptions, 16,000,000; Roman Catholics, 13,500,000; Presbyterians of all descriptions, 10,250,000; Baptists of all descriptions, 8,000,000; miscellaneous religious sects, 1,500,000; of no particular religion, 8,500,000—total 82,750,000.

TELEGRAPHIC.

HALIFAX Feb. 20.

The Duchess of Edinburgh was in the Winter Palace of the Czar when the explosion occurred.

In the house of Commons Sir Stafford Northcote spoke of the horror felt by British people over the news, and expressed his satisfaction at the providential escape of the Czar.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Constantinople.

The Turcomans have raised 60,000 troops to defend Merv, and appealed to Persia and India for help.

Feb. 21.

The German Socialists repudiated the conduct of the Russian Nihilist.

Mr. Hanay of Glasgow claims to have produced artificial diamonds that will stand all tests.

Sir George J. J. J. will succeed Sir Garnet Wolseley in South Africa.

The Countess Pariel, lady-in-waiting to the Czarina, has been banished to Siberia.

Intense disgust is felt at the Cape in consequence of the appointment of John Dunn as British Resident at Natal.

The Duke of Argyll made a two and a half hours' speech in censuring the foreign policy of the Government, which he characterized as deceitful cowardly and plain British interests and plain British honor.

Lord Beaconsfield defended the Government policy.

Mr. Fishwick, the well-known express and steamboat man of Halifax, died last evening.

February 23.

Reign of terror in Petersburg. Czar declares the extermination of the Nihilists necessary.

A Nihilist letter denouncing the death of Czar was found on his dressing table. Attitude of the people cold and threatening. Domestic visits constant.

Discontent among the high officers alarming. Pope sent instruction to the Bishops of Russia not to mingle in the political agitations. Russia demands extradition of Hartman, Paris accused of the Moscow explosion.

Lord Cranbrook refused to produce the papers containing the correspondence between Shere Ali and the Russians.

Beaconsfield in reply to Argyll declared that the Government settle for ever the ownership of the gates in India. Absolute success attended their Afghan policy. Difficulties and complications would immediately disappear.

England, France and Belgium recognize the independence of Roumania.

Horses of Montreal attacked by species small-pox.

Irish generally agree to give up to Patrick's procession.

February 24th.

Czar declares that all Russia is in a state of siege. Commander of Petersburg police arrested.

40,000 deaths from diphtheria since 1st November in the Russian provinces of Charkoff and Pultova.

Moscow Academy burnt. Students suspected.

Nihilists declare illumination for Czar's anniversary will be magnificent. Such not seen since Nero burnt Rome.

Prince Schill the Czar's Privy Councillor has committed suicide. The floods destroyed fifteen hundred houses in Tripoli. General Roberts informs Afghans that

the British will accept the ruler that the chiefs will be elected with certain exceptions. He invites them to meet in Cabul.

February 25th.

Two shocks of earthquake in Havana yesterday.

A cyclone tidal wave at Fiji. Queensland steamer in the cyclone with battened hatches and had fifty native passengers smothered.

Duke of Edinburgh proceeds to Petersburg to bring home the Dutchess.

Lord Cranbrook presented the India budget, surplus £119,000. Total Afghan war expenditure nearly £6,000,000.

Dean Stanley gave final answer expressing his determination to erect a monument to Prince Imperial in West Minister Abbey.

Grand Duke Nicholas the Czar's brother is reported to be implicated in the late explosion.

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Public Notice.

J. GLOVER, GOVERNOR.

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FRESHWATER, BLACK HEAD, WESTERN BAY, NORTHERN BAY, LOWER ISLAND COVE, AND BAYDEVERD,

in the said District, And I hereby require all persons concerned to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

By His Honor's Command.

E. D. SHEA, Colonial Secretary. Secretary's Office, 13th Jan., 1880.

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