

Hon Chairman Board Works laid on the table of the House a detailed account of expenditure on account of Harbor Lights for the year 1873.

Ordered to lie on the table. Mr Rendell presented a petition from A. Bremner and other inhabitants of Catalina, praying for a grant to deepen the Northern Arm of the Harbor.

The hon member supported the prayer of the petition, the object being most important to the people of Catalina to enable them to get their fishing boats over a shoal into a place of security.

Mr Fessler presented a petition from J. & W. Pitts and others, of St. John's, merchants and traders, which was received and read, praying for a reduction in the duties on tea and molasses.

Ordered that the petition lie on the table.

Mr Walsh presented the following petitions on the subject of Roads:—from Thomas Connors and others, of Pouch Cove; from Nathaniel Thorn and others, of Torbay; from James Larkin and others, of Belleisle; from David Phelan and others, of Pouch Cove; from Richard Grace and others, of the same place; from James Moulton and others, of the same place; from Daniel Phelan and others; of the same place.

Ordered that these petitions lie on the table.

Mr Duder presented petitions from the following persons, on the subject of Roads:—from Andrew Pierce and others, of Indian Island; from Samuel Keefe and others, of Indian Harbor; and from George Gillo and others, of Exploits, praying for a grant for the construction of a landing place.

Ordered that these petitions lie on the table.

Mr Rogerson presented the following petitions, on the subject of roads; from John Swain and others, of Perry's Cove; and from Edward Hudson and others, of Adams' Cove.

Ordered that these petitions lie on the table.

Capt Graham presented a petition from J. James and others, of Grates Cove, which was received and read, praying for a grant for the erection of a public landing place there.

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of the hon Receiver General, seconded by the hon Chairman of the Board of Works, it was

Resolved—That the House do, on Monday next, resolve itself into Committee of the whole on Ways and Means, and that such committee stand first on the order of the day.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow at 4 o'clock.

FRIDAY, Feb. 23.

The House met shortly after 4 o'clock. Mr. Rogerson presented the following petitions, which were received and read, praying for grants to open and repair roads:—From Thomas Noel and others, of Bay de Verds; from John Spurlis and others, of Lower Island Cove; from John Bishop and others, of Bradley's Cove; from Thomas Murphy and others, of Job's Cove; from Edward Ford and others, of Western Bay; from John English and others, of Job's Cove; from Azariah England and others, of Gull Islands; from Samuel Royall and others, of Bed Lands; William Tucker and others, of Smooth Cove; from John Howell and others, of Western Bay; from Wm. McDonald and others, and from William Penny and others, of same place.

Ordered that these petitions lie on the table.

Mr. Warren presented petitions from the following persons praying for road grants:—From Thomas Smith and others, of Elliot's Cove, Random; from Moses Batten and others, of Russell's Cove; from Joseph Strong and others, of Old Perlican; and from John Brown and others of Lance Cove.

Ordered that these petitions lie on the table.

Mr Fenelon presented a petition from John Furlong and others, residents near Waterford Bridge, on the subject of roads. Ordered to lie on the table.

The hon Premier presented petitions from Patrick Delaney and others, of Codroy River, praying for representation in the Legislature of the Colony, and for a grant to complete the road from Codroy to Channel; also from Richard Falle and others, of LaPoile, praying for a grant for a ferry.

The hon Premier, in the absence of Capt Graham, member for the District of Trinity, presented a petition from Richard Walsh and others, of Western Bay, praying for a grant for a landing place, and from William Meadus and others, of Grates Cove, on the subject of a road and fence.

Hon. Premier, in moving that these petitions lie on the table, would remark in reference to the petitions last presented, that the road and fence referred to are of great importance, the locality being dangerous to pedestrians, and if something be not done, it is to be apprehended serious accidents may occur.

Ordered that these petitions lie on the table.

Hon Mr Carter presented a petition from Joseph Withers and others, of Mortier Bay, North side, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Warren presented a petition from John Palmer and others, of Seal Cove, Trinity Bay South, which was received and read, praying for a grant to erect a launchway there.

Mr Warren, in moving that the petition lie on the table, said it was most important to the petitioners to have a launchway, and he trusted provision would be made for it.

Ordered that the petition lie on the table.

Mr Warren gave notice that, on to-morrow, he would move an address to his Excellency the Governor on the petition of John Palmer and others, for a launchway at Seal Cove, Trinity Bay, South side.

Mr Wood presented a petition from M. J. Kelly and others, of Brigus, which was received and read, praying for a grant in aid of the establishment of an Agricultural Society there.

Ordered that these petitions lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, pursuant to order of the Day, the house resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate persons for Mercantile, Mining and other purposes.

Mr. Parsons in the Chair. After the reading of some sections of the Bill, and some discussion thereon, the Committee rose and reported progress to sit again on Monday.

The House then adjourned until Monday at 4 o'clock.

THE STAR.

HARBOR GRACE, APRIL 25, 1873.

THE weather continues to be a topic of great interest; spring is singularly cold and late, with occasional snow showers.

The "Merry month of May" will presently be along, yet ice floats in our harbors, and the hill tops are clad in mantles of snow. A few bursts of sunshine occasionally relieve the gloom, and we hope ere long the sun's illuminating rays will shed upon us a steady, gentle heat, thereby enabling lovers of agriculture to be up and doing.

We long to hear the varied-hued warblers chanting forth their songs of praise and delight; we long to see the flowers burst the fragrant bud, blushing into blossom, perfuming the air we breathe; we long to hear the bleat of the lambskins, and watch their innocent frolics on the verdant sward.

In the absence of these cheerful associations of an advanced season, we have a species of "mud" cricketers, whose whole hobby is to occupy every available space about our streets, wherewith to learn the noble art of cricketing.

Their antics and lingo are equally amusing;—their instruments are primitive,—yet older hands might learn from them, for in spite of wind or weather, these "mud larks" are to be found thoroughly engaged in their work—that of besmearing with "mud," apparel already scanty enough.

Loss of the Brig. "Hecla" by Fire.

The Brigantine "Hecla" of this port, owned by the Hon. W. J. S. Donnelly, and in command of Captain Peter Keilly, while pursuing her sealing avocations, by some cause unascertained, took fire, and became thereby a total loss.

This unfortunate casualty occurred on the 15th inst., five miles off Bacalieu. Messrs. Ridley & Sons, brig. "Pet," also engaged in the prosecution of the sealing voyage, happening to be in the neighborhood, bore down on the burning vessel, from which lurid sheets of flame were springing skyward, making great headway, and demolishing with awful rapidity everything within reach of their fiery grasp; while myriads of shimmering sparks shot upwards with a crackling sound.

It is indeed gratifying to record that the highest encomiums—gallantly rescued the crew, and did all in his power to allay the distress brought about by the disaster, freely giving of his own to supply the immediate wants of those who had lost their clothing.

But for the delay in saving the crew and bringing them home, it is said, that the "Pet" would have taken more seals. Be that as it may, a watchful Providence overrules all things, and while deploring the poor success of that fine vessel, we cannot but feel thankful that she was the means of rendering needful and timely assistance to a number of our hardy countrymen.

The Captain of the "Hecla" desires to publicly thank Capt. Sheppard and crew for the generous treatment received while on board the "Pet."

WATER STREET now presents quite an attractive appearance, the various stores on either side being well filled with things conducive to comfort and enjoyment. In our rounds yesterday we called on several of our patrons and friends. Each seemed to vie with the other in the beauty and utility of the wares offered by them to the public—a pleasing evidence of the enterprise and go-ahead proclivities of our business men.

Our attention was first directed to the large and well-filled shop of Messrs. C. W. Ross & Co. Here may be seen a display of drapery and fancy goods, perhaps equal to the best ever imported.

Crossing the street, we called at the

Drug Store of Mr. Thompson, and were agreeably surprised at the battalions of bottles and boxes occupying every nook and corner of the spacious store, each containing a cure for some malady or other. Let our friends suffer no longer. Here may be found a remedy for every complaint.

Stopping long enough at the store of Messrs. Rutherford & Co. to notice their large stock of provisions, and wonder how they could sell so cheap, we passed on to the next block, where Capt. Green and Messrs. Paterson & Foster dazzle the eyes with a delightful show of every thing, and make one's hand involuntarily seek his purse to find whether or not he can obtain possession of some article that he fancies cannot be done without.

We then visited the shop of Messrs. Longwill & Taylor. This is a flourishing house and the goods offered for sale here are of a superior quality. Our hardy fishermen have not been forgotten by the proprietors. They have secured for their especial use a large supply of "first-class English" oilskins.

Mr. James Hippiusley's large and attractive store contains a magnificent assortment of all the latest patterns and best qualities of English Scotch and American goods.

Messrs. Jillard Brothers were then visited; but we were so amazed at the profusion of every kind of goods that we were unable to take notes.

Lastly we were attracted by the sign of the "Golden Fish" to the emporium of Messrs. Squires & Noble. We were of course courteously received and supplied with all necessary information. Opening new goods seemed to be the employment, and from the large supply of first-class styles and fashions exhibited, we are inclined to think that a good trade is in store for the enterprising proprietors.

THE steamer "Neptune," Capt. E. White, arrived at St. John's yesterday, from a second trip to the seal fishery, with 13,000 old seals.

FOR THE H. G. STAR.

Temperance.

The subject of this short essay has, doubtless, been more freely discussed than any other with which the public are familiar; yet, notwithstanding this, no one can gainsay the fact that it is a highly important one. Eminent statesmen and talented lecturers of almost every civilized country have taken it up, and now we find the attention of some of the most powerful Governments directed to it with a view to the dissemination and propagation of the fundamental principles on which it is based. Nor is this to be wondered at, when we consider the great object in view—the redemption of humanity from the terrible abyss of inebriation and the legend of direful calamities that necessarily follow in the train of all who partake in the transient and insidious pleasures afforded by the intoxicating bowl. Men there are who fancy that the wine cup is the true source of real enjoyment, and that it possesses an almost talismanic influence in ridding the mind of grief; in short, that it is "a healing balm for all our woes." How utterly chimerical are such enthusiastic ideas. What was the opinion of Lord Byron, after having partaken of this pleasure to the fullest extent? This extract conveys it, and certainly it is very encouraging:

"Hath Wine an oblivious power, Can it pluck out the sting from the heart? The draught might beguile for an hour, But still leaves behind it the smart"

No permanent enjoyment is afforded by habits of intemperance, but rather daily awakenings to remorse of conscience, bitter regrets and ruined prospects; not to speak of enervated bodies and depraved intellects. Others are to be met with who look upon the noble cause of temperance as a subject only fit to engross the attention of puritans, and endeavor by the most unreasonable and illegitimate means to dissuade those with whom they come in contact from the paths of rectitude. Such "evil geniuses" are not infrequently met with in our own moral little town. They are often seen standing on the doorsteps of their iniquitous abodes with folded arms and placid countenance, silently inviting the unwary youth to enter their dens of iniquity—reminding one of Milton's description of the manner in which our first parents were induced to disobey the injunctions of their heavenly Maker, and fall from the blissful state in which they were created. Not a few look upon the advocates of temperance with supercilious disdain and hesitate not to stigmatise them as fanatics; but it is gratifying to know that such persons possess little influence; being for the most part snobs and I coxcombs, with little brains and big presumption, whose greatest pride—peacock like—is centred in the beauty of their plumage and the amount expended in what they are pleased to call "a spree." It is to be regretted, however, that a few "older children" with whom I am familiar hesitate not to pride themselves in their bacchanalian fetes. This latter class are certainly the greater fools; for, not content with injuring themselves, they very often abuse the confidence of their friends, and show to the world a most pernicious example. I have often thought what a moral world this would be without the great demoralizer, Intemperance, and equally often have I wished for the time when the sale of spirituous liquors shall be considered a crime deserving condign punishment. The ad-

vent of such a period would, I feel convinced, be the dawn of a happy era in the world's history. Then would we be able to say: farewell domestic feuds, the expense of litigation, and the existence of crime! Hail happiness and joy supreme, our earth is now a paradise indeed. More anon. PRECEPT.

April 24.

NEWS ITEMS.

Two rival Detroit grocers, each having a score of baskets of grapes, the other day began running each other. One put out a sign at eight cents per pound and the other made it seven. The first came down to six, the second to five, the first to four, and the second to three. The first then sent a man around who took all the grapes at three cents per pound, delivered them to number one, who put out his old sign of "eight cents," and made four or five dollars out of his neighbour.

FEMALE DUELISTS.—The Paris Figaro states that a duel was fought on the 8th ult., between two women living in the Boulevard de Courcelles. The cause of dispute was rivalry for the affections of a man named Juglin, and the two women agreed to decide their dispute by means of a duel with knives. The frightful conflict was waged in the house 84 Boulevard de Courcelles, and the result was one woman mortally and the other dangerously wounded. The cause of this dreadful contest, the man Juglin, has been arrested.

MARRIAGE OF A PEER'S SON TO AN EDINBURGH HOUSEMAID.—The London correspondent of the Dundee Advertiser writes:—The third son of a Peer of the United Kingdom—a mere stripling, who only left college last summer—has secretly married one of his father's housemaids, and in spite of the most rigid scrutiny by lawyers and others, no ground can be discovered for annulling the contract. The thing is being kept very quiet, and the young folks are, I hear, to be sent off to New Zealand to engage in sheep-farming. The girl, though a housemaid, is well educated, and was at one time a pupil in one of the Edinburgh Normal Schools.

CORNISH people have always been, until brought into closer contact in later years with the rest of the world by the railway, very unsophisticated. During the Crimean war a lady went into a shop in Penzance to purchase groceries. While she was there an old woman from the country came in and asked for some candles, for which he had to pay a higher price than usual. "Why should you ask more for the candles than I have always paid?" inquired she. "It's owing to the war," says the shopkeeper, "that the price is raised, for candles are becoming dearer." "Oh!" ejaculated the poor old woman, holding up her hands. "Well I never knew afore that they fight by candle-light! Well, to be sure?"

COULDN'T CLOSE HIS EYE.—A good story from the Banger Whig: "The agent in this city of one of the insurance companies forced into liquidation by the Chicago fire issued circulars to persons having property insured in the company at his agency, requesting them to return their policies to be cancelled and used as claims in the settling up of affairs. In response to the call, a farmer from a neighbouring county entered the agent's office the other day in search of information. The agent explained at some length, but the old farmer couldn't understand, and a second and a third explanation were equally futile in aiding his dull comprehension. The man of policies was going back to commence again, when the farmer arose, buttoned up his coat, and said: "Look-a-here, Master, I don't know nothin' about your thunderin' likerdashun, an' don't want ter. I don't believe there's been a fire, and what's more, I believe the whole thing's a sell. I paid nigh onto twenty dollars for this here policy, an' I'm a goin' to keep it! You can't fool me!" And after delivering himself thus, he stalked away indignant."

VENTRILOQUIST ON THE DOCK.—Quite an exciting time, says the Cleveland Herald, occurred at one of our wharves recently. The hands of one of our steamers were engaged in rolling off a cask, when, to the consternation and surprise of the hands engaged in performing that operation, a voice was heard within the cask. "Roll it easy; these plaguey nails hurt. I'd rather pay my passage than stand all this." Holding up their hands, their visuals extending to the size of two saucers, the labourers exclaimed: "That man beats the Dickens!" The mate coming up at this moment, and unaware of the cause of delay, commenced cursing them for their dilatoriness, when from within the cask the voice came forth: "You're nobody; let me out of this cask." "What's that?" said the mate. "What, it's me," said the voice: "I want to get out; I won't stand this any longer." "Up end the cask," said the mate. "Oh, don't, you'll kill me," said the voice. "Oh, how these nails prick! Look out—don't again," said the casked up individual, as the men were turning it over "Cooper," said the mate, "unhead that cask and take that man out." As the adze sundered the hoops, and the head was coming out, the voice again broke forth: "Be easy now; is there any one about? I don't want to be caught." Quite a crowd had now gathered around the scene of action, when a loud guttural laugh broke forth, which made our hair stand on end, and the cask was filled with bacon. "What does it mean?" said one. "It beats my time," said the mate. "We enjoyed the joke too well to blow," as we walked off arm in arm with the ventriloquist and magician.

WARRIORS

Latest Despatches.

LONDON, April 19. France has granted permission for mutations of war for Spanish republicans to pass through the country. The Carlists are suffering reverses. Baron Leiberg is dead.

MONTREAL, 22. Flood unabated. The people taking themselves to upper stories. Boats have superseded cabs. Navigation resumed through Gut of Canso.

LONDON, 21. French cable broken 230 miles from Brest. NEW YORK, 21. Gold 117 1/2.

Montreal flood subsiding. San Salvador earthquake confirmed. 500 persons killed and twelve millions worth of property destroyed.

A painful story of the attempt of a child of twelve years old to commit suicide comes from Ohio. The child, a boy, was adopted by a family in Clyde, O., several years ago, and was treated with kindness and affection by his adopted parents. He was, however, taken sick with a fever, and though he recovered, the fever left him a cripple for life. His misfortune and morbid horror of his helpless condition so prayed upon his mind that, waiting for an opportunity, he swallowed some poison which had been brought to kill rats. When he was discovered, antidotes were promptly applied, and he recovered from the effects of his rash act. On being asked what led him to attempt self-destruction, he replied that he felt himself a burden, and did not care to live.

Basil Lea, a colored man, over one hundred years of age, was killed recently, near Milton, N. C., by the falling of a tree. It is said that he was formerly a slave of General Washington, and was twelve years old when the General gave him his choice to live with him at Mount Vernon or be sold. He preferred being sold, and went to Richmond, and was bought by a member of the Lea family with whom he has lived ever since.

A warning to lovers who sit up late comes from Ohio. Two young people at Mount Victory, after exhausting their supply of small talk, fell asleep over the parlor stove, when the lady's dress caught fire, and before it could be extinguished she was severely burned that she died in a few hours.

A German fell into a lager beer vat in Buffalo, and seeing his danger, began to drink as hard as he could to save himself from drowning by reducing the depth of the fluid, and it is thought he would have succeeded had not a floating cork got into his throat and lessened his swallowing power.

Wholesale Prices Current, St. John's.

BREAD—Hambro' No 1, 32s. 6d.; No. 2, 30s.; No. 3, 24s. Local No. 1, 25s.; No. 2, 23s. 6d.; F. C., 22s. 6d. FLOUR—Canada Fancy 45s.; Canada Superfine, or New York Extra, 41s. 6d.; New York Superfine 36s. 6d. to 39s.; New York No. 2 32s. 6d. CORN MEAL—White and Yellow, per brl. 21s. a 22s. OATMEAL—Canada, per brl. 32s. RICE—East India, per cwt. 21s. PEAS—Round, per brl. 21s. BUTTER—Canada and Nova Scotia, 11d. to 1s.; Hambro' 8d. CHEESE—9d. to 10d. HAM—9d. to 10d. PORK—Hambro' Prime Mess 140s.; Mess 80s.; Prime Mess, 77s. 6d. a 82s. 6d.; Extra Prime 67s. 6d. BEEF—Prime, per brl. 35s. LARD—American and Canadian 8d. TOBACCO—Canadian, 1s. 7 1/2 d. to 1s. 8 1/2 d.; American 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d.; Nova Scotian, 1s. 5d. to 1s. 7d. CORDAGE—per cwt. 65s. SALT—per hhd. Foreign, Liverpool—none afloat. COFFEE—11d. TEA—Congou and Souchong, ordinary broken leaf, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 9d.; fair to good, 2s. to 2s. 6d. LEATHER—American and Canadian 8d. MOLASSES—Muscovado 2s. a 2s. 2d.; Clay-ed 1s. 9d. SUGAR—Muscovado, 50s. to 55s.; unrefined 46s. a 48s. 6d.; American Crushed 75s. KEROSENE OIL—New York manufacture 2s.; Boston 2s. to 2s. 0 1/2 d. COAL—per ton, North Sydney 31s. 6d. UNION BANK SHARES, £113.

EXPORTS.

COD OIL—£40; Cod Liver Oil, 4s. 6d. CODFISH—Large Merchantable, Medium, 24s.; Small, 23s.; Madeira, 17s.; West Indies, 17s.—Salmon, 100s.

MARRIED.

At Carbonear, on Saturday, 19th inst by the Rev. John O'Connor, Mr. William Doran, to Miss Catherine Cooke, both of that town.

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