

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The Northern Light is now making return trips daily.

ROBERT MUMFORD, Esq., died suddenly at his residence, Georgetown, on Monday evening.

JOHN BROWN, the Queen's well-known political attendant, died at Windsor Castle, on the 28th ult.

This regular quarterly meeting of the Honourable Irish Society, takes place on Tuesday evening next, in St. Patrick's Hall.

We have received the well arranged and neatly printed Catalogue of Furnival & Co. Printers and Engineers, London, England.

Mr. L. E. PROWSE has fitted up a very attractive sign in front of his store. It is all that Mr. Prowse styles it—a "Great Hat."

MR. WILLIAM BROWN has been appointed temporary clerk of the Charlotetown Post Office, in place of Mr. James C. McMahon, resigned.

It is understood that the Dominion Government has granted a subsidy of \$24,000 per annum to a monthly line of steamers between Antwerp and Canada.

At the request of the Benevolent Irish Society, R. R. FitzGerald, Esq., has consented to deliver a lecture on "Thomas Davis." Particulars will appear shortly.

A SERIAL PASSENGER TRAIN will leave Charlotetown Station every evening (Sunday excepted), at five o'clock, returning on arrival of Northern Light on Monday.

Mails are now closed daily at four o'clock, p.m., at the City Post Office, and forwarded by special train to Northern Light. Mails from the Northern Light are due here at ten p.m., daily.

HAVING this week devoted a large portion of our space to Parliamentary proceedings and "Notes from the Capital," which, no doubt, will prove interesting, we are obliged to hold over editorial articles on local subjects.

The Roman Catholics in Halifax are negotiating a very practical manner for a new college. They propose erecting a suitable building at Dutch Village, Halifax, to cost \$50,000, and at the preliminary meeting over \$3,000 were subscribed.

The subject for discussion at the last meeting of the Comed Club, Her Majesty, was, "Which causes the most pleasant feeling, Pursuit or Possession?" On a division, it was decided in favor of the former by three to a majority.

A LABOR SUMMER of the friends of Messrs. Charles Coburn, W. C. Hinkley, Alfred Bell, D. A. McDonald and D. A. McQueen, assembled at the station on Monday afternoon to see them off. They intended to seek their fortunes in the Northwest. We wish them success.

MR. J. H. BROWN delivered an excellent lecture, under the auspices of the Catholic Literary Union, in St. Patrick's Hall, on Friday evening last. The subject, "Great Story Tellers," was a popular one, and Mr. Brown showed, in his treatment of it, that he had given it much attention.

MATHEWS of vessels which have arrived at Atlantic ports, recently say that vast fields of iron are on the Banks of Newfoundland, some hundreds of miles in length, and of unknown width. Some vessels were in and about the ice for three days, and finally had to change their course to go on their voyage.

The walking match at Halifax, on Saturday last, between Leggett and Mills, is decided as one of the greatest farces ever witnessed in that city. The track was over thirty laps to the mile, and too narrow for the men to pass each other. When forty-six miles had travelled by each, some disputes took place, and the referee decided to stop the race and call it a draw.

HON. MR. GAVIN is a candidate for the vacant seat in the First District of Prince County. He is a gentleman well qualified in every respect to creditably represent that District. Very unfair means were adopted to secure his defeat in May last. If the judges and other influences were left out of the contest, Mr. Gavin would have beaten his opponent two to one. We suppose much the same tactics will be attempted now; but from the reports received from several parts of the District, we are confident that Mr. Gavin will, on the 17th inst., be returned by a handsome majority.

YESTERDAY being the Feast of St. Joseph, services were held in St. Joseph's Convent, in this city. At 7 o'clock a.m. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father de Finance, which was attended by over a hundred and forty pupils of the school, and the young ladies of St. Joseph's Society, who received Holy Communion. In the evening, at 7 o'clock, a large congregation was present, and the altar and chancel were beautifully decorated. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. Dr. Grant, assisted by Rev. Father de Finance. Dr. Grant preached an eloquent and instructive sermon.

The steamer Neglect is being loaded at Halifax, N.S., with exhibits for the Fisheries Exhibition, to be held in London, England. The consignment from this island arrived there last Wednesday. It is not in very good condition, having been about six weeks on the way. It consists of twenty packages of specimens, and eight barrels of fish. The New Brunswick quota consists of twenty-three cases and boxes, and five bundles of wool, for the purpose of erecting an Indian camp on the Exhibition grounds. A canoe and dip net are also among the collection, which, with the Indian camp, will illustrate the life and habits of the Mic-Mac of the Province. The exhibits from Upper Province have not yet arrived.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the City Council was held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. His Worship the Mayor, assisted by the full Board of Councilors were present. A resolution was moved setting forth that it was necessary to have a Bill passed by the Local Legislature, clearly defining the borrowing powers of the city, and to remove any doubts which may exist as to the legality of debentures already issued, or others that may require to be issued. A petition, asking the introduction of such a measure to be signed by all the Councilors, and a draft of the Bill itself, were read to the meeting. Some amendments were proposed, which were voted down. The original resolution was, after considerable discussion, agreed to, on a division of six to four.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 31.

Parliament will resume to-morrow after its week's recess, and business will recommence with renewed vigor.

Messrs. Blake and Mackenzie, for lack of a solid cause of objection, complained that the week was too long, and that previous time was being frittered away. As if a few days more or less would make any difference! But, then, some people would grumble if they were about to be hanged, especially the gentlemen just named.

It may be safely taken for granted that Dalton McCarthy's Railroad Commission Bill will not pass the Committee. It would, if adopted, be a very expensive provision, and would not, at least not in its present form, be commensurate with the expense.

A railroad engine is too fast to wait for the Prince of Wales came to Canada in 1860, he visited, among other places, the Government of the Province, and there heard a little girl sing verses in his honor in a voice of great sweetness and purity. The girl was the daughter of a poor man, and she was named Madam.

The Budget will be brought down to-morrow of the day after, and it is calculated, will be disposed of in ten days, or fortnight at the most. The great difficulty is, and in this the Grits are to be commiserated for it, there is really no one to criticize the speech to be delivered by Sir Leonard Tilley. If the Grits were in the House it would be simple enough, for although Sir Richard was about as poor a financier as ever lived, he was at least a better Grit than could be desired.

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The Ottawa Free Press gives currency to the rumor that Sir Charles Tupper has resigned his seat in the cabinet, and will immediately replace Sir Alexander Gait as Canadian Commissioner to England.

This may be true or it may not, but the Grits ought to be prepared to hear the great Canadian songstress, Madame Albani, and Lafontaine, formerly of Chamby, several times in the course of the session.

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Senator Hathorne was examined by the Committee to-day. He furnished voluminous notes in writing, and answered questions put to him by Mr. Hackett and others. He did not advise the abandonment of the route between Pictou and Georgetown. He assumed that when the railroads now in construction were completed, steam vessels adapted to short routes across the Straits would be used. The service for mails and passengers would be carried out by branch lines and steam vessels. Still it may be a question whether it is better to have a direct route; they dislike delays inseparable from the carrying of freight, such, for instance, as there are between Point de Chene and Summerside. I think it impossible to have daily communication between the island and the mainland, under present circumstances. Steamers should be constructed for this special purpose. Under present defective arrangements, men of war have to wait for days before they can cross. 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