

The Evening Telegram

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 6, 1888.

A CHARMING ENTERTAINMENT.

The Music and Readings this Evening.

When Jubal struck the chorded shell,
His listening brethren thronged around,
And, wondering, on their faces fell,
To worship that celestial sound.

We hope none of our readers will forget the music and readings in the Athenæum this evening. If they do they will lose one of the most charming entertainments of the season. Why, Mr. Flannery's inimitable solo—"Ever Dear"—will be more than worth the admission fee twice over, not to speak of the side-splitting song he has been keeping in reserve for the past two or three months as an *encore*. Then, again, there'll be a galaxy of sweet warblers—including Miss Irving, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Ledingham, Miss Jardine, Miss Neyle, &c.—such as we have never yet witnessed here, even on the platform of the Athenæum. In addition to the music there will be readings by some of our best elocutionists, and, in all probability, an appropriate little speech by the presiding officer. Of course the audience will be a large and appreciative one.

A FISHERY BUREAU.

The question of the best means of establishing a fishery bureau in Newfoundland has become one of the great problems of the hour for us in "ye ancient and loyal colony." Therefore it is right that as many valuable ideas as possible bearing upon the matter should be placed before the public; and to this end we solicit communications hereafter from those of our friends who are in the habit of writing on important public questions. We shall open the discussion to-day with the first instalment of an exhaustive paper on the subject from Mr. Murphy, M.H.A. This article forestalls the report of the Commission now sitting here, and will, we are certain, be read by the public with much interest. It travels over the same ground, we believe, as the report of the Commission; and, such being the case, its publication now in the TELEGRAM will take all the freshness of the materials which our joint and select Fishery Commission have been collecting the past twelve months.

The "Miranda's" Difficulties.

It looks as if the shareholders in the steamer *Miranda* were in for an experience which will not only test their patience and long endurance, but test the depth of their pockets as well. A telegram from New York to the *Halifax Herald* of a late date received by this mail states:—

"New York, January 23rd.—The steamer *Miranda*, of Leary raft-fame, is tied up with libel attachments for \$44,000 by Leary for alleged violation of the contract, by which the big raft was lost; and for \$12,000 by the owners of the tug *Bronx* for running down the tug and sinking her off Blackwell's Island in the East River, opposite New York, on the 19th of January." If these two suits go against the *Miranda* they will have the effect of "sinking" her pretty effectually, so far as her pretensions of being a dividend-making instrument are concerned. The best thing the shareholders can do is to buy off Leary and "the owners of the tug *Bronx*," by making over their unlucky ship to both of them without delay. It would be a good and profitable way of getting rid of a doubtful asset and of avoiding the probability of being in the future mulcted in further damages, which the steamer *Miranda* has a rare knack of always incurring. So far as Newfoundlanders are concerned, the circumstance is likely to arouse small concern; for a line which, in their two steamers, manned by six officers, doesn't give employment to a single mariner of this colony amongst the six, has little claim to sympathy in Newfoundland.

CITY CLUB AMUSEMENTS.

We understand the members of the City Club intend having a *Conversazione* in their Club Rooms on Monday next, the 13th. The evening's entertainment will begin with a musical programme, in which our best talent takes part; after which there will be dancing in their spacious Billiard Room, so admirably adapted for this purpose. The Club membership has so increased during the past year, that the Committee are obliged, in order to avoid over-crowding, to confine the admission to the *Conversazione* to subscribers. Judging from the success of similar entertainments given by the Club during last year, we may fairly predict an evening of unalloyed enjoyment for those who will be fortunate enough to be present.

A SERMON will be preached in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Friday evening at 7.30, by Rev. Brother W. Pilot, B.D., in aid of the Tasker Educational Fund.

THE LATE SIR HUGH HOYLES.

WAS HE A HERO?

SOME LESSONS FROM HIS LIFE.

Man is his own star, and the soul that can
Render an honest and a perfect man
Commands all light, all influence, and all fate.
Nothing to him falls early, or too late.
Our acts our angels are, or good or ill,
Our fatal shadows that walk by us still.

On Friday last we had a few hurried and imperfect remarks on the death of our distinguished fellow-countryman, Sir Hugh Hoyles, a man of so singular a pattern, and a life of such true, manly greatness, that all Newfoundlanders may well feel proud of. Before his name becomes a memory of the past, as it will shortly now become, we would like to educe from the life of Sir Hugh a few thoughts suggested by his career, and by the wholesome stimulus and encouragement that career is well calculated to afford to all who appreciate noble things. Ours is essentially such a gross and mercenary age, and we live in such an atmosphere of natural disparagement, that every glimpse of "the better life" afforded us by the higher style of men who have lived above the average conditions of their surroundings, and withstood the lowering tendencies of their times, ought to be cherished by us—prized and preserved—as one cherishes the flashing diamond among meaner stones, or the refined gold of true character. Sir Hugh was uplifted among his countrymen to a very high and conspicuous position, so that all could see him, and in that position he developed certain characteristics that were necessary to the exercise of the part he was called upon to play. Had he not naturally possessed those qualities of firmness which make every man who possesses them in some degree a hero, he could not have produced those qualities when the hour for their public exercise arrived. That he was able to give his country, in the hour of her need, the particular form of service that need demanded, resulted from the fact that he naturally possessed, and habitually cultivated, an independent mind. He thought for himself, he had a will of his own, he asserted himself in every case before taking action that he was in the right, and, having once made up his mind on that point, he went as straightforward to the execution of his purpose as the arrow to the mark.

There is very great danger in these days of losing that singleness of aim and independence of character of which Sir Hugh Hoyles was such a conspicuous local instance. Men lean on each other too much, and correct their watches by those of one another, instead of by the sun. Such a fatal mistake is a crime against humanity. All experience shows us that the average tendency of character is downward, unless there is a continual comparison and correction of it by the common standards. We cannot compare ourselves with ourselves, even in the most enlightened and intelligent communities, and be satisfied with that comparison, with any great hope of permanent improvement. Those who appreciate this will be always conscious of the necessity of holding court often within their own breasts, and of settling there the questions of right and wrong that come up for decision within their lives. Every man has that sort of individuality secured to him by law that he has a right to settle for himself how he will act with reference to this or that matter that properly comes within the orbit of his life. But this is not an age of originality—it is an age of averages, of compromises and of influences. As we said in our Friday's article, "the influences by which we are surrounded are so greatly in favor of inducing us to meanly 'compromise' everything we have to do with, that it is hard for us to withstand these processes of moral disintegration, and make a stand, even when the most momentous issues are at hand." "It is hard for us." Yes, that is just it; and the "hardness" shows the necessity. If it were not hard for us, in our present surroundings, to make a stand in favor of individual conviction and independent character, there would probably be no necessity for that stand. An ideal state of society under the theory of the British constitution permits a man—permits every man—within the limits of the law, to exercise that independence of thought and action which is the Heaven-bestowed and inalienable right of all. But certain conditions of society develop morbidity in that respect; and the rights of civil and religious liberty secured to all become restricted—and constricted—so that men cannot breathe freely, or exercise their functions as members of the common body. In such junctures it is not surprising that some should rise up who feel that confinement, and strike a blow for liberty, or make as though they were about to do so. Just then is where the peril to the state comes in. In many, the impulsive desire to vindicate the common right, to tear asunder the bandages of bondage, and to break through the stifling atmosphere of the prison house may be developed. But not every man so

THE COLONY'S STAPLE INDUSTRY.

Artificial Assistance to Our Fisheries.

I.—GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

THE most important of all labor problems in all countries is that which concerns most the chief industry of the people, and so in Newfoundland the task assigned the legislators of the country is to find the best remedy for the oft-occurring failures of our fisheries. For this difficult and all-absorbing problem many partial solutions have been suggested and tried by legislators with but small success. Chief among these is agriculture, which from time to time has received the assistance of bonuses and tariff protection. Home Industry has now been thrown out, but this will assist in a still smaller degree. Encouragement of the Bank fishery has materially assisted by drafting off to this hazardous industry a very considerable number of our young bread-winners. But the heart of the problem itself—the shore fishery—until but recently, received but little careful examination at the hands of our public men. How to assist by procreation the overfished grounds along our sea coasts is the stern fact now fronting us, and for which during the past session of the legislature a very simple and natural remedy was suggested to the House. This was the erection of fish hatcheries at certain points along our coasts, by means of which millions of young codfish would be annually distributed over the depleted fishing grounds. It is to be regretted that the *agriculture* (?) of the sea should, until recent years, be allowed to remain in such a backward state. More than three-fourths of the globe is covered with water, and but one-fourth is of dry land. God having made the earth for man's use and benefit, and when He covered so much with water it was done, no doubt, that man might feed himself through the marvellous powers of propagation and multiplying possessed by fishes. If the land were to fail altogether in its crops, the sea harvests, if properly gathered in, would be more than sufficient to supply the human race with food. That there ever can be a complete failure of our fishery resources we are unable to comprehend, for within the experience of every fisherman in the land, as much codfish has been seen breaching within the area of five square miles, as would load all the vessels sailing out of the country in a year. And often, also, this sight greets the eyes of our fishermen for leagues around the sea. Here the plain evidence of fact is superior to all declaration. But while codfish may be as numerous as this, it has been observed that over-fishing and the annoyances of traps, nets, jiggers and bultows have, from time to time, cleared out well known fish haunts and pastures. The fence-work of nets all around our coasts, above all other things, most annoy and harass the codfish in their regular food-searching movements along our sea coasts, and these, when hatcheries are established, will, no doubt, minimise their good results. The matter will, I fancy, lead to some legislation on the part of our Fishery Bureau.

Here the question may be asked what is the inner fact or cause of the failure of the produce of land and sea at certain times and at certain points on the globe? The answer is this, that Nature, from overwork, has been run down, and, to recruit her strength, rests for a season, in order that she may put forth additional efforts the next year. The next question to be asked is, Whether there exists any remedy for this? The answer is, Yes, in part, by artificial assistance. When the crops of the season are gathered in, we aid the exhausted earth by giving it a top dressing of manure, and so of recent years, where over-fishing and the use of destructive appliances have depleted certain fishing grounds, Science assists Nature in her task of procreation by hatching fish ova and distributing the fry over those areas. The preying of piscivorous fish and the migration of fishes lessen this substantial aid in some degree, but experience, founded on careful observations, demonstrates the fact that codfish is not very migratory, but usually stays where it gets its food. In winter, shore fish simply draw up to a certain depth where the temperature is more or less uniform and congenial to their habits. I purpose to show in number two what has been done in fish propagation in other lands.

AN INTERESTING INCIDENT.

Farewell Address, &c., to Mr. G. H. Archibald.

AN interesting incident occurred in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School yesterday. Mr. G. H. Archibald, who has been superintendent of the school for many years, but who leaves, per S.S. "Newfoundland," for Montreal, had availed of the occasion to say farewell to the teachers and scholars, and convey to them his parting good wishes. The scene was an affecting one. At the close of the usual exercises, he was made the recipient of a neatly-worded address, accompanied by an elegant album containing a group of the teachers, and a charming collection of scenes, embracing many of the most beautiful spots in the island. The album and its contents are certainly a handsome present, and display, in a marked degree, the exquisite taste and execution of our talented local artist—Mr. S. H. Parsons—by whom they were furnished. Mr. Archibald has also received a very handsome silver bugle from the Bicycle Club, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to G. H. Archibald by members of the Newfoundland Bicycle Club, in recognition of his services as Captain, on his departure from Newfoundland, Feb. 1888." Also a valuable walking-stick from the employés of the Tobacco Works, suitably inscribed, and a number of other pleasing little remembrances. Mr. Archibald takes with him the good wishes of a large circle of very sincere friends and well-wishers.

The mail steamer "Newfoundland" will sail for Halifax to-morrow morning at eight o'clock. She takes no freight of any account. The following passengers embark in her:—Mrs. Archibald and child, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Hardie, Mrs. Charlton, Miss Mews, Hon. John Syms, Hon. Captain P. Cleary, Dr. Charlton, Messrs. Geo. Archibald, N. Beck, Archibald Sillars, W. Hardie, C. Ayre, James A. Carmichael, J. P. Furlong, J. Henderson, Thomas J. Edens, J. O'Flaherty, Hugh Baird, Hugh Gemmel, A. F. Sherran, George E. Bearns, G. C. Jerrett; 12 in stowage.

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