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By Telegraph

Ferdinand Refuses to Leave

Russia Preparing for War.

BRITAIN WILL NOT INTERFERE.

Union Square Theatre Burnt

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 29.

Prince Ferdinand will not leave Bulgaria till compelled by force.

Russian war preparations continue. Italy, Austria and England agree that Ferdinand's election is illegal, but decline to disturb the peace of Bulgaria.

In the House of Commons the rule requiring only a majority of one hundred to enforce cloture has been carried by a vote of 256 to 135. The rule increasing the Speaker's power to order the withdrawal of unruly members has been adopted.

The Liberal caucus at Ottawa will adopt unrestricted reciprocity with the United States as a platform.

One hundred thousand settlers are expected in Manitoba next summer.

Union Square theatre, New York, has been destroyed by fire.

FROM THE WEST COAST.

Skiffs Obligated to Retreat.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CHANNEL, Last Evening. The weather to-day is dull and threatening, with a strong breeze from the northeast. A large number of skiffs went out to the fishing ground early this morning, but they were obliged to beat a retreat, owing to heavy sea and tide.

FROM CAPE RACE.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CAPE RACE, This Evening. Wind N.N.W., blowing a strong breeze, and weather fine and clear. The ice has moved off, but there are no vessels in sight.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction—beef, butter, jowls, etc.....James Hynes Auction—freehold property.....J. J. Collins Wanted—1,500 youths and men.....James Bryden Dwelling house for sale.....George LeMessurier "Speed the plough".....see advertisement Academia Institute meeting.....William J. Meehan Baltimore jowls—cheap.....B. & T. Mitchell Life and tonine policies bought.....Geo. LeMessurier H.I.E.S. meeting.....this evening Annapolis valley apples.....Clift, Wood & Co Pony, sleigh & harness for sale.....apply at this office Wanted—five girls.....apply to Geo. LeMessurier

H. I. E. S.

The Home Industries Society meets at 8 o'clock This Evening, to receive report of Industrial Exhibition Committee. feb29,1

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AUCTION SALES.

To-morrow, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, By JAMES HYNES, [At his Rooms, opposite Messrs. Job, Brothers & Co.]

25 QTRS. PRIME FRESH BEEF,

10 BRLS BALDWIN APPLES, 5 BOXES ORANGE,

50 lbs butter, 5 bris pork trimmings, 5 barrels jowls, 3 bris heads, 20 tins ground peas, 3 bris fresh codfish, 1 brl tongues, 1 side sleigh, 1 catamaran, 1 bread sleigh. And at 12 o'clock: 100 DOZ. CABBAGE.

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I AM AUTHORIZED TO OFFER FOR SALE BY Public Auction, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 12 o'clock, on the premises, All that Valuable

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situate on the South Side of Duckworth Street, adjoining the residence of J. R. Collins, and yielding a yearly rental of \$200. Supplied with water, sewerage and gas-fittings. This dwelling house being a part of the Estate of the late John Collins, is ordered to be sold by request of Legates. All particulars on application to JAS. J. COLLINS, Notary Public Office: 345 Duckworth St. And Real Estate Broker, opp. Fishermen & Sailors' Home. or, JAMES B. COLLINS, Executor, feb14,fp 189 Duckworth Street.

Valuable Freehold Property for sale by Public Auction.

I WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, on Thursday next, the 1st day of March, at 12 o'clock, on the premises, All that Dwelling House and Land situate on the West side of King's Road, at present occupied by tenants, and bringing in a rental of \$75. The above described property was formerly part of the Davis Estate. Particulars on application to T. W. SPRY, Real Estate Broker, feb28

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TO BAKERS and OTHERS.

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feb28,21fp **BARNES & Co.**

THE ANNUAL TEA MEETING,

in connection with the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

will be held in the BASEMENT OF THE CHURCH, QUEEN'S ROAD

On Wednesday, February 29th.

TEA ON TABLES AT 6.30 P.M.

PROGRAMME:

TEA—GRACE.

Address—Chairman.....Rev. T. Hodgkinson Song.....Miss Harris Quartette.....Messrs. Barnes and Smith, and Messrs. Elworthy and Simpson Song.....Mr. Earle Address.....Rev. G. Boyd Song.....Mr. Hepburn Reading.....Mr. Haddon Song.....Mr. Duley Address.....Rev. W. Graham

INTERVAL.

Song.....Miss S. Barnes Violin Solo.....Mr. Glass Song.....Miss Soper Address.....Rev. G. Boyd Song.....Mr. Elworthy Song.....Miss Cross Song.....Mr. Simpson VOTE OF THANKS.

The Ladies have decided to enter themselves, and nothing has been left undone on the part of the committee to make it a grand success.

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feb28,21 **F. MARTIN, Sec. Com.**



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368 barrels "Pillsbury's Best." 128 barrels "Warrior." 124 barrels "Baker's Gem." 50 barrels "Castilla."

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135 barrels "Success." 164 barrels "Tea Rolls." 68 barrels "Gold Flake."

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FINES.

86 barrels "Prescott." 90 barrels "Continental." 153 barrels "Opal." 295 barrels "Banker's." 125 barrels "Golden Wreath." 250 barrels "Herald." 161 barrels "X. L. C. R." 49 barrels "Canadian Rosebud."

1209 barrels. feb28,fp

JAMES MURRAY.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL

Methodist Benevolent Concert

will be held in COLLEGE HALL, on THURSDAY EVENING, 5th of April.

Programme and other particulars. Inter 9h. feb28,fp

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LISTS NOT FILLED YET AT BRYDEN'S CHEAP SALE.

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"SPEED THE PLOUGH!"

A VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT (under the auspices of the Newfoundland Agricultural Society, and the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Henry A. Blake, Esq., C.M.G.,) will be held

ON THURSDAY NEXT, MARCH 1st, IN THE ATHENÆUM HALL.

THE PROCEEDS OF THIS ENTERTAINMENT will be devoted to the development of Agricultural pursuits in the Colony, as may be hereafter decided by the Committee. The Committee have succeeded in securing the best musical talent, and a very enjoyable evening may be anticipated. The attractive programme will be announced by the Chairman. ADMISSION—numbered reserve seats 30-cents; general admission 20-cents. Reserve seat tickets on sale at Mrs. Rouse's, Water Street, and at the door; general admission payable at the door. Doors open at 7.15, p.m.; Entertainment commences at 8 p.m., sharp. feb29,21fp

GRAND MASQUERADE

AND Fancy - Dress - Skating - Carnival.

PARADE RINK, THURSDAY EV'G, Mar. 1st.

THE 2nd Grand Masquerade will take place at the Parade Rink on THURSDAY, 1st March, (ice permitting), under the auspices of Professor Bennett's Band. Maskers' tickets 20-cents; Spectators 10-cents. The ice on this occasion will be reserved for Maskers only.

Tickets may be obtained from the following gentlemen of the Committee:—Messrs. P. Laracy, Chairman; T. Keough, T. Skinner, G. Williams, N. Snow, A. Smallwood, J. McNamara, J. Callanan, J. Curtin, and W. Bulger.

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LECTURE.

ON TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 6th, A Lecture will be delivered in the Star of the Sea Hall, by the Rev. M. P. MORRIS, in aid of the Orphan Boys of Villa Nova, subject:—

"The Two Golden Jubilees."

Admission free—30 cents. Tickets to be had at all Bookstores. Lecture to commence at Eight o'clock, sharp. feb28,fp

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Academia Institute.

THE REGULAR QUARTERLY meeting of the above Institute will be held at their Rooms on to-morrow, THURSDAY evening, at 8.30 o'clock. A full attendance of members is particularly requested.

W.M. J. MEEHAN, Secretary. feb29,21fp

The Annual Festival

of the West Circuit Methodist Sunday Schools will be held in the COLLEGE HALL on FRIDAY, MARCH SECOND.

A splendid Programme is in preparation and a very enjoyable time may be anticipated. Tea on the tables at 6.45. Tickets 40 cents each, may be had at the shops of Messrs. Ayre & Sons, G. S. Milligan, Shirran & Pippy and J. Steer.

E. J. KNIGHT, Sec. Com. feb27,m,w,f

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He also agrees to take, in exchange for Lime, PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS, at market rates, from the coming season's crop, to be delivered at his Store, in St. John's, at the end of the season.

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Walton Court;

ADELAIDE CAMERON'S "SHADOW LOVE."

By the Author of Dora Thorne.

(Continued.) CHAPTER XLVI.

'Lord Rylestone,' she asked, 'are you ill, or have you worked yourself to death in Canada?'

He smiled as he answered her, and she turned away with a cry.

'That is the ghost of your old smile,' she said. 'What have you done with yourself?'

'I am very unhappy,' he replied, 'and I am in desperate trouble.'

She looked at him. He did not see the soul of love shining in her eyes.

'You are unhappy?' she said, gently. 'Tell me why, that I may help you.'

'You can help me; but it is a long story, and I want to recover myself before I tell it to you. I want to forget and to remember—to grow strong. Pardon me, I am not quite myself, Adelaide.'

He sunk into the nearest chair, and hid his face in his hands. She knelt down by his side, and tried to take one of his hands in her own.

'I wish you would let me do something to help you,' she said, in a low, gentle voice. 'I would do anything—I would, indeed—and I am quite sure I could help you.'

It was well for him that he did not see the intensity of expression, the tenderness, the devotion on the girl's face.

'I would do anything to help you,' she continued in her low, soft voice, tender as the cooing of a ring-dove; 'do forgive me, but we have been friends now for a long time, so I may speak freely to you. Is your trouble money?'

He felt grateful to her for her kindness—it touched his heart—and he thought to himself that by and by he would tell her his story; but she could not relieve his deep, boundless sorrow. Do what she would, nothing could remove that.

'It is not money,' he replied, slowly; 'I do not think money will ever trouble me. I am unhappy, and I will tell you why—but not today; I feel now as though I could not speak of my sorrow. To-morrow I shall feel better, and then I will tell you.'

'You will let me help you, if I can?' she interrogated.

He assented, and told her he should be grateful for any help she could give. And then she rose from her knees in confused haste—some one was tapping at the door.

CHAPTER XLVII.

LORD RYLESTONE and Miss Cameron dined together alone, and after dinner the latter gave orders that the picture-gallery should be lighted, in order that Lord Rylestone might see the alteration she had made in the hanging of some pictures.

They walked to the gallery together. Outside lay the damp chill of the November night; the sky was dark and stormy, the wind wailing through the trees. Inside, the picture-gallery was one glow of warmth and beauty.

The long gallery, with its carpet of deep crimson, white statues, rich tapestry, choice pictures, was brightly lighted; warmth and brightness seemed to pervade the whole place. Adelaide herself had never looked more beautiful than on this evening, when her sole idea was to please and amuse Allan. She wore an evening dress of some rich white material, with a superb set of rubies. These appeared all aflame, so deep and intense was their fire; they gleamed on the white neck and the rounded shoulders. If his whole heart and being had not been blinded by his passionate love for

Margarita, he must have admired Miss Cameron; as it was neither the sheen of her golden hair, nor the splendor of her eyes, nor the changing tints of her lovely face, nor the sweetness of her crimson lips, moved him even to the faintest show of admiration. The perfect grace of the stately figure, the sweet, caressing voice were all lost upon him. He saw no beauty, felt no grace, remembered nothing but the dark loveliness of the sweet face that he had worshipped.

'I have placed the Murillo here,' said Adelaide, standing by his side, 'because I thought the glowing colors would contrast so well with the transparent tints of the Greuze.'

'You did well,' he allowed—but she saw that his thoughts were not with her, or the picture, either.

Presently they sat down on one of the crimson velvet seats, and he looked round with a dreary sigh. Just then his eyes fell upon an old Spanish painting, the picture of a dark-eyed woman dreaming over a crimson rose; and something in the artistic pose of the figure, in the statuesque beauty, in the exquisite coloring, reminded him of Margarita—Margarita as he had seen her so often bending over flowers.

'Did you call to see Mr. Beale when you were in London?' asked Adelaide, suddenly.

'Yes, but I did not find him at home,' replied Lord Rylestone. 'I did not think of it, or I might have asked him to come down here to see me.'

Adelaide smiled.

'I do not think he would have consented,' she said. 'Mr. Beale and I are not good friends.'

He looked up with a faint show of interest—just enough to give her confidence to continue.

'We are not upon speaking terms even. I do not think that I can ever forgive him for what he has done.'

It mattered little what Miss Cameron was saying. Lord Rylestone's thoughts ran always in the same groove. Where was Margarita, and why had she left him? That thought was always paramount in his mind; even now, as he listened to Adelaide, it was there.

'What has Mr. Beale done to offend you?' he asked, gravely.

'He took a great liberty, Lord Rylestone, and I shall never like him again.'

He did not feel sufficiently interested to ask her what it was, but Adelaide was determined to draw him away from his melancholy thoughts.

'You remember, perhaps, my telling you that Madame de Valmy had left me, and had gone to Paris? I had a companion after that, not finding it pleasant to live alone.'

He made no comment, and Adelaide continued, growing warmly earnest—

'I do not wish you to think that I am exaggerating, Lord Rylestone, but my companion and friend was one of the most beautiful women I have ever beheld—something after the style of the Spanish picture there. Her name was Miss Avenel.'

He was hardly interested. His thoughts were all with Margarita. What would he care for this companion, he whose soul was sad with its own secret? He did not even notice the name—it did not attract his attention.

'I loved her very much,' continued Adelaide. 'She was one of those exceptional women whom the world does not always understand. She was not like any one else whom I have ever known. She was given to dreaming, and had the most poetical ideas. I always fancied that there was some pathetic story connected with her life: if so, she never told it to me.'

Still he evinced no interest. His eyes were riveted on the Spanish picture. The light flashed in the rubies on the white neck, and the flush deepened on Miss Cameron's fair face. She would persevere, no matter how indifferent he seemed.

'Mrs. Grame, the housekeeper, said that this lady, who afterward came to be my companion, came here to Walton Court once to see the place.'

'There would be nothing strange in that,' observed Lord Rylestone; 'so many visitors used to come.'

'No, there would be nothing unusual in it; but she never mentioned having been here—it seems strange that she should have kept it a secret.'

His eyes had gone back to the Spanish picture, his thoughts to Margarita. Adelaide resolved to make him look at her and speak to her again.

(To be continued.)

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J. F. CHISHOLM.

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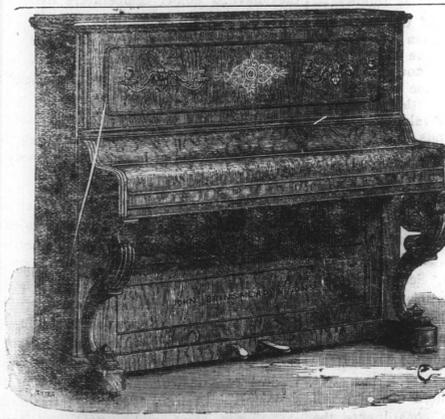
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dec29 **JOHN S. SIMMS.**

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

[CONTINUED.]
FRIDAY, February 24th.

HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY—The section be-
fore the chair embraces matter of most impor-
tant consideration for us as legislators, and
may be regarded, in relation to the interests
of the country, as the principal subject in the
whole address. He thought the discussion
that has taken place here this evening will be
productive of good by drawing the atten-
tion of the people to the remarks and opin-
ions of gentlemen so deeply interested in,
and so well qualified to express them upon, the
staple resources of the colony. The hon. gen-
tleman (Mr. Monroe), in referring to the
Chamber of Commerce, used criticism which
he (C. S.) thought was perhaps a little too
severe, if construed literally, though, as he
understood the hon. gentleman, his expressions
were meant rather as a gentle rebuke than
an earnest reprimand. That hon. gentleman
has brought under our notice practices con-
nected with the trade, and advanced sugges-
tions well worthy of the consideration of the
Legislature and of the country. Of course it
will be conceded that, with the individual
action of members of the community in the
pursuit of their legitimate business and the
management of their private affairs, the Legis-
lature has no right to interfere. The province
of legislation does not extend, nor has it a
right to meddle in such case, so long as indi-
vidual action is not harmful to the public good
or to the rights of a neighbor. We should, he
thought, from our experience of them, feel
satisfied that the gentlemen who carry on the
trade of this country are as anxious to advance
their own interests, in a legitimate way, as are
commercial gentlemen in any other part of the
world. The integrity and high standing of
Newfoundland merchants have been recog-
nized throughout the British empire and be-
come synonymous with produce, industry, and
those other qualities which secure success in
mercantile life. We have no reason to sup-
pose that this high reputation earned by their
predecessors is not equally merited by the gen-
tlemen now carrying on the trade of the coun-
try. But in considering this matter we, as
legislators, are justified in taking into account
the effect of the action of any body or associa-
tion in controlling a business of material
importance to the general population, such as
the carrying on of the fisheries, and the export-
ation of the produce of the country. Such
matters affect the country, generally, nearly as
much as they directly affect the individual
gentlemen directing commercial transactions.
If these principles be admitted and we
take into consideration the allegations
made here this evening that a law of
the colony's Legislature, passed with
the desire to promote the general good by
securing a higher standard of character for our
codfish through the instrumentality of certifi-
cated cutters, has been rendered nugatory by
the practice of purchasing fish tallow, it be-
comes the duty of the Legislature to express its
opinion upon the matter. If then the discus-
sion now evoked will have the effect in any de-
gree of inducing the Chamber of Commerce,
and the trade generally, to pursue a different
course, and act in harmony with the spirit and
intention of the Legislature, it will not be
barren of result. He would go further and
express his belief that when those gentlemen
are appealed to in the higher sense of patriot-
ism and duty owed to the country by their
connection with its trade, they will recognize
the propriety of adopting a different procedure
from that complained of by hon. Mr. Monroe
and of conforming to the law enacted for the
general weal. Thus will they be doing their
duty to the community and advancing their
own interests at the same time. We know it
has often been remarked that the fisherman who
took special care to cure his fish well did not
receive a proportionate return for his
trouble by obtaining a higher price for his
produce. Such being the case, it was useless
to expect that fishermen would bestow proper
attention upon the cure of fish. That argu-
ment seems a rational one, and it has been al-
leged, as an additional reason for imperfect cure,
that the desire of suppliers to secure early
cargoes for exportation, has engendered haste
and laxity in the handling of the voyage, and
the reputation of the fish has in consequence
suffered. If these things be true, surely the
remedy lies, to a large extent, in the hands of
the suppliers and exporters themselves, and he
failed to conceive how even motives of self-
interest would not induce them to insist most
stringently on the production of an article that
would obtain for them a more remunerative

price. It would appear to ordinary intelli-
gence that an effectual way to mitigate the
evil would be to pay a price according to the
quality of the fish supplied, and that, under no
circumstances, should the dealer producing
fish of inferior quality be paid as high a price
for it as he who cured it well. It is contrary
to human nature to expect men will bestow
labor upon any object unless they expect to
be recompensed for it. Children at school
look for premiums as the reward of diligence;
as people in most circumstances of life are
stimulated to increased exertion by the hope
of reward either in a material way, or by the
independence of position which they expect it
to create. When we hear, therefore, a gen-
tleman so well informed upon the matter as
Mr. Bowring state that the cure of Labrador
and Bank fish last season exhibited a marked
improvement upon preceding years, the infer-
ence is reasonable that the fishermen must
have received proportionately better prices,
and this seems to be the true mode to secure
an improved condition of things in regard to
this important industry. Respecting the
modes of carrying on the fishery, the opinions
of the fishermen of the country, with regard to
the use of codtraps, sustain the argument of
the hon. Mr. Monroe. He (C.S.) a few years
ago had an opportunity of hearing their views
in many parts of the Island, and it seemed
strange that while there was a general concur-
rence as to their injurious effect upon the fish-
ery, they still continued their use. It may be
said that, on account of the expense of cod-
traps, only the better off planters use them,
and that the great majority of the fishermen
pursue the voyage by other modes. Be that
as it may, he felt he was safe in saying that
the opinion of the bulk of the fishermen of the
country is, that codtraps are ruining the fish-
eries and ruining those using them by render-
ing them indolent, careless, and less eager to
work for a voyage than formerly. This,
therefore, is a question that deserves the
serious consideration of the Legislature, and
in common with hon. members of this chamber
he expressed the great satisfaction they must
all feel upon the prospect of the early estab-
lishment of a bureau of fisheries which will
take cognizance of such matters, detect
defects and errors and point to the
remedy. It is to be presumed the report of
the Fishery Commission appointed by virtue of
a measure of last session will exhibit much
intelligent research, and whatever suggestions
it may feel justified in putting forward in the
interest of the fisheries will no doubt receive
the favorable consideration the important issues
involved demand. The remarks of the hon.
the President contained allusion to subjects of
serious import to all of us, chief of which is
the question of poor relief. It might be
rather premature to refer minutely to
that matter pending the possession of the
papers dealing with it, therefore he
should not at present make any very extended
observations upon it. The hon. the President
has suggested the adoption of means of deal-
ing with the poor expenditure different from
the system now and previously in vogue, and
thinks localizing the expenditure might induce
the people of different districts to feel an in-
terest in scrutinizing it and checking imposi-
tion. As has been stated, some years ago a
proposal was made to levy local rates for the
support of the poor of a locality, but the gen-
eral opinion seemed to be that such a mode
would be impracticable in this country and the
idea was abandoned. Then it was suggested
that district appropriations for roads and other
purposes should, to some extent, bear the
burthen of extraordinary expenditure for
poor relief. That point has been under
consideration of the Legislature for years,
and the question is one of the most
serious issues we have to contend with.
How to effectively deal with the growing de-
mand for able-bodied pauper relief is one of
the most puzzling questions that has confronted
the present as well as preceding governments;
and he might say that a great deal of the time
of the sittings of the Executive is taken up
with the consideration of applications for the
expenditure of money for relief of the desti-
tute in some locality or other. When this drain
is taken into account, together with the perma-
nent poor expenditure, the prospect is really
serious. It is a fact that a large portion of
last year's road appropriations went to satisfy
this demand, and in response to urgent appli-
cations the road grants for the present year in
the case of some districts have already in anti-
cipation been expended to help the able-bodied
poor. Thus it will be seen that the question
comes home to every member of the Legislature.
It is one that must be determinedly grappled
and dealt with, and by any means a greater

sense of responsibility and self-reliance can be engendered amongst the people, leading them to look upon it as a disgrace to apply to the Government for aid, some good will be accomplished. If those above want find there will be no outlay for public improvement in a district so long as this poor expenditure continues to swallow up their money grants, they may wake up to the exigencies of their own interests. Until such a feeling takes possession of the public mind, we can hope for little improvement in the depressing state of affairs that has existed and progressed of late years. Instances have occurred of applications of married sons and daughters in comfortable circumstances, who appear to think it no disgrace to have the nearest members of their families, their parents who ought also be the dearest to them, put upon the permanent pauper list, thus ignoring all sense of responsibility and natural obligation. It is very difficult to form rules to check this growing evil. It is of course the duty of the Legislature, in the event of a general failure of the fisheries, and if the supplying merchant should feel it unwise to continue supplies, to respond to the call of humanity by setting in motion means of temporary relief. However, the matter has now assumed such proportions that he considered the time has arrived when the Legislature must step in and make provision to check indiscriminate expenditure, and to meet the exigencies of special districts when misfortune attends their industry. So recently as last week letters have been received by the Executive from clergymen of different denominations and other reputable parties, stating that the bearers and their families were actually starving. Perhaps the gentlemen making those recommendations may, in some cases, have been deceived or imposed upon, but the difficulty is to find out who is really in want. To provide machinery for thorough investigation would entail very great expense. To give indiscriminate relief would demoralize the whole people. To withhold succor, and refuse all aid, would inflict injustice upon many; and, as the hon. the President has truly said, it is easier to find fault and point out cases of extravagance and unwarranted expenditure than to treat cases upon their merits. Though the condition of the country with respect to the permanent poor expenditure may not afford a better exhibit than last year, he was happy to be in a position to corroborate the assertion of hon. Mr. Bowring, that the amount of poverty in the colony generally is not nearly so extreme as it was last season; an effect, attributable amongst other things, to good prices for their produce, and a successful potato crop, rendering the people freer from pauperism than they were in 1886 and the spring of 1887.

The committee then rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, and the house adjourned until Monday next.

MONDAY, February 27th.
The House met at half-past four o'clock. Hon. G. T. RENDELL, pursuant to the "order of the day," moved the House into committee of the whole upon the address; Hon. Jas. Pitts in the chair.

After considerable deliberation the committee rose and reported, and the address was subsequently read a third time and passed. Order was then made that it be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by a deputation of the whole House.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.
A deputation from the Lower House brought up, for the Council's concurrence, a Bill to amend the Act passed last session to regulate the prosecution of the seal fishery.

Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY said, with regard to that Bill, there has been no understanding between the Council and the hon. member who introduced it in another place, as to taking charge of it in this Chamber. The gentleman referred to left St. John's for his home on Saturday, and has not since returned, so that it might be as well to let it stand over until he comes back. He should not like assuming the responsibility of moving in it without having an interview with him.

Hon. M. MONROE thought it would be rather discourteous to let the Bill lie without being read a first time. He was not aware of the nature of its provisions, but had no objection to its first reading, as that would not bind the subsequent action of this Chamber. If there were no objection, then, he should move that the Bill be read a first time.

The Bill was accordingly read a first time; to be read a second time to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until half-past eleven o'clock to-morrow.

MESSRS. JOB'S STEAMERS

The sealing steamer *Neptune*, Capt. Blandford, will leave for Catalina at daylight on Monday next, and will there take her customary clearance. She will recruit one half her crew in this port and the other half in the outport named. The steamer *Hector*, Captain Edward White, will sail from this port on the usual date, the 10th of March, which will be next Saturday week. Messrs. Job's third steamer, the *Nimrod*, will be under the command of Captain Henry Dawe, of Bay Roberts, and will try and strike the fat somewhere in the Gulf. She will sail for Channel on Monday next.

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 29, 1888.

OUR FISHERY AFFAIRS

The Attorney General's Ignorance.

"We'll allow Americans to buy bait, for they compete with us as men and do not interfere with our markets."

The Attorney General, fresh from Washington, is reported to have used the above expression during the debate on Mr. Bond's amendment to the Bait Act. Mr. Winter's gross ignorance of all the circumstances connected with the privileges granted the Americans (for the sum of \$1.50 per ton for any and all fishing vessels that may choose to avail themselves of our resources) is simply appalling and disgraceful.

For the small sum of one hundred and fifty cents per ton, an American fishing vessel may be placed on a footing of perfect equality with ourselves. In short, Americans may and will ship crews, transfer their catch, buy bait, and do anything and everything necessary to carry on the voyage here. Their vessels can make as many trips to the banks as they like. Vessels will be sent from time to time during the season with supplies for them, carrying, as return cargoes, loads of fish transhipped.

How will it be with our fishermen when they wish to avail themselves of the American markets? Will they not be met with heavy duties, almost prohibitory? Let the Attorney General ask his supporter, Mr. March, for his opinion on this point. "He has had experience!"

But the *Mercury* says we are to have free trade in fish as a further concession. Every sane man knows this statement to be purely imaginative. The Americans, who can buy, for one hundred and fifty cents per ton, privileges worth thousands of dollars to them as fishermen, are not the men to throw open their markets to foreigners. The men who forced Newfoundland to pay duties on seal oil, on the ground that it was not fish oil: who forced the Canadians to pay duties on the *carx* which held their lobsters, on the ground that *carx* were not fish,—these are not the people to give free entry to fish and oil to compete with themselves.

The Americans have got all they want, as far as Newfoundland is concerned, and they will use their privileges to their full extent. As far as Newfoundland fishermen are concerned (we mean the rank and file) this new sale of our fishing privileges will be satisfactory. They will get employment on board first-class vessels, will be well fed, and be paid either in cash or its equivalent, without any "twenty per cent." deducted from their pay on settling days; and, what will be of still greater advantage to them, they will get new ideas of their rights as men. Now a fisherman in Newfoundland is looked upon as a creature who must be kept alive between the set periods appointed for elections. His greatest value is as an elector, for the fact remains that, without voters, there could be no Government situations—a dismal outlook for the crowd of flossam and jetsam who float on the political stream with no care for ought but office, for which they willingly sacrifice what remains of their principles.

As to the effect the surrender of the fishing rights of Newfoundland will have on the smaller outfitters for the Banks: I believe it will have the effect of still further contracting their facilities for disposing of their produce. There is now no ray of hope from the American market. The terms they offer us are positively exclusive. We believe that had a capable man been sent to Washington, Newfoundland would have sold her rights on better terms. There was no need to sell them at all. But, alas! alas! the only lever we had to get terms from the Americans has been bartered away for "a mere song"—a song which American fishermen will not forget to whistle and sing next summer in every port of the colony.

ADVENTUROUS SPIRITS.

The crew of the S.S. *Aurora*, which arrived here the other day from Dundee, consists almost exclusively of men of Shetland, bold, adventurous spirits whose fame has travelled beyond their surf-beaten isles, and of whom the only Newfoundlanders who came out in the *Aurora* speak in high terms of praise as being "good men with generous hearts." Their qualities as seal-hunters, roaming over a trackless field of ice, dozens of miles from their ships, in search of hoods and harps, is a test of endurance and hardihood to which the fishermen of foreign countries are strangers; and if they can stand that test with the hardy searovers of Terra Nova, they will have fairly won their spurs in a sphere of the greatest physical labor and danger known to the mariner.

"SPEED THE PLOUGH!"

Claims of the Agricultural Society.

An entertainment of a very high order will be given under the auspices of the Newfoundland Agricultural Society, in the Athenaeum Hall, to-morrow (Thursday) evening. The object is a very laudable one—the establishment of a fund for the development of agricultural pursuits in this colony; and as His Excellency Henry A. Blake, Esq., C.M.G., and R. J. Piment, Esq., D.C.L., are Patron and Vice-Patron, respectively, it is only reasonable to expect a large and appreciative audience on the occasion.

By reference to the Society's advertisement, in another column, it will be noticed that "the committee have succeeded in securing the best musical talent" available. Add to this important and attractive circumstance the fact that one of our Judges presides, and that His Lordship will be ably supported on the platform (if necessary) by literary members of the Society, such as John Studdy, Esq., Major Fawcett, &c., and we have the assurance that a pleasant and profitable evening is pretty certain.

We do well to encourage the efforts of this Society. Agriculture is an industry whose influence must always have an upward tendency; and never in the history of our Island-home has there been a period when such an influence was more needed than at the present moment.

In a moral point of view, the life of the agriculturist is the most pure and holy of any class of men; pure, because it is the most healthful, and vice can hardly find time to contaminate it; and holy, because it brings the Deity perpetually before his view, giving him thereby the most exalted notions of supreme power, and the most fascinating and endearing view of moral benignity. The agriculturist views the Deity in His works; he contemplates the divine economy in the arrangement of the seasons; and he hails *Nature* immediately presiding over every object that strikes his eyes; he witnesses many of her great and beautiful operations, and her productive faculties; his heart insensibly expands, from his minute acquaintance with multifarious objects, all in themselves original; whilst that degree of retirement in which he is placed from the bustling haunts of mankind, keeps alive in his breast his natural affections, unblunted by an extensive and perpetual intercourse with man in a more enlarged, and therefore in a more corrupt state of society. His habits become his principles, and he is ready to risk his life to maintain them.

"TWO GOLDEN JUBILEES."

The subject of Father Morris' lecture, which will be delivered in the Star of the Sea Hall next Tuesday, is one of living interest, one replete with instruction, and one that will give the history of Church and State in the British Empire for the past fifty years. The "Two Golden Jubilees" is the title of the lecture—the story of the era, in one department, of human activity which has elapsed since Father Pecci stood a young man before the Altar, pledging his life and labors to the service of the Omnipotent; and in that other vast department of worldly advancement which has taken place since the young Princess Victoria of seventeen was awakened from sleep one night in Kensington Palace to hear from the lips of British ministers that she was now the wielder of that mighty sceptre which extended over strange lands to the uttermost bounds of the earth. Here is a subject of tremendous importance indeed; here is one that might well stir the ambition of a Tully or a Sheridan to win undying laurels with—one the mere contemplation of which fills the mind with wonder. The Rev. M. P. Morris is a good lecturer; that he will be well prepared to do justice to the splendid theme, we may well be assured. He will be actuated in his efforts by the benevolent wish to serve the institution over which he so effectively presides. As for the audience—it will be an immense one—we are sure; the people desire to give what they can on those occasions to sustain the orphanage of Villa Nova, and they will be well repaid, for they will hear a vast amount of instruction on these great historical subjects, identified on the one hand with the name of His Holiness Leo XIII., and, on the other, with that of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

AND now comes the ominous information that the Board of Health spent, during the year past, the huge sum of nine hundred pounds. On what? is a fair question to ask. There was no epidemic to contend with, no extensive visitation of contagious sickness, thank Heaven! Of course these Board of Health charges afford a convenient receptacle for poking away expenditures of a corrupt and secret nature. Let us have the full details that this enormous sum of money is associated with. Such irregularity is what might be expected from the irresponsible character of the Board.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY NOTES.

Bond's Amendment to Bait Bill.

MORINE'S AMENDMENT FOR RAILWAY NORTH.

Murphy's Amendment For Bank Fishermen.

Mr. BOND's amendment to the paragraph referring to the Bait Bill was as follows:—

"We notice your Excellency's intimation that the Government propose adopting measures for enforcing the provisions of the act passed last session respecting bait fishes. Whilst we entertain decided opinions as to protecting our bait fishes, we feel that the course which has been taken in this direction is of such a speculative character as to cause grave doubts as to its being in any way effective towards accomplishing the object apparently in view. The act will certainly operate to the serious pecuniary loss of a large number of our fishermen heretofore engaged in the bait traffic, and owing to considerable property which, by the provision of the Bait Act, is rendered comparatively valueless. We, therefore, regret that no provision has been made for affording compensation to those who have been, and will be, sufferers to a large amount by a rigid enforcement of the act. We are also constrained to conclude, from instructions already issued by Government and upon the act itself, that whilst our people will be debarred from engaging in this trade, it will be carried on with impunity by the fishermen of the Dominion of Canada. Had a law been enacted by which the wholesale and wanton destruction of bait fishes would be prevented at those seasons of the year which the natural habits of those fishes would point to as a close time, and with which the privilege of procuring bait fishes conferred upon foreign vessels would be confined to those purchasing the same in our harbors, a lucrative trade would be secured to our people on the one hand, and upon the other they would be permitted to engage in the more important industry—the cod fishery—more constantly than they have hitherto; and there would be no excuse for threatened retaliatory measures by a foreign and heretofore unfriendly power."

For the Amendment—Messrs. Bond, Morine, Parsons and McGrath. For the Government—Hon'bles Winter, Donnelly, Penny, Goodridge, and Messrs. Scott, Callanan, Morris, Greene, Carty, Bradshaw, Watson, Chairman McKay, Rolls, Kane, Peters and March.

After Mr. Bond's Amendment was lost, against which, in direct antagonism to the interest of their constituents, who sell bait to Americans, Messrs. Greene, Scott, Callanan, Peters, LeMessurier, Veitch, Godden, Penny and Morris voted, Mr. Morine arose to move an amendment in addition to Placencia railway paragraph of address. It was as follows:—

"We are deeply sensible of the entire absence of any expressed intention on the part of the Government to continue the railway from Harbor Grace Junction towards Hall's Bay, with a view to meeting the wants of the very large population in the Northern districts, and the developing of those valuable agricultural, mineral and timber lands in the interior of the Island. This, we consider, should be commenced without delay, and should be continued as rapidly as a due regard for judicious economy and the revenue of the colony will permit."

The vote on this stood as follows:—For Amendment—Messrs. Bond, Morine, Murphy, Parsons, McGrath, Morris, Scott, Callanan and Greene. For Government—Hon'bles Winter, Donnelly, Penny, Goodridge, Messrs. Greene, Carty, Watson, Bradshaw, Chairman McKay, Rolls, March, Godden, LeMessurier, Peters, Kane and Veitch.

It was lost, and the Northern members will have to answer their own constituents the reason why they refused to vote for a railway North.

Mr. Murphy now arose to move an amendment in addition to the Fishery Bureau paragraph of the address. It was as follows:—

"We would recommend before the close of the present session some legislation to be made on the subject of our Bank fishery which, of recent years, has become of so much economic importance to the labor of this colony. The said legislation should deal with the custom of charging 20 per cent. interest for cash after the voyage is in the hands of the supplier or his agent, and also with the custom of charging supply prices for goods after the voyage is in the hands of such supplier or his agent, to the great detriment of the fishermen engaged in this hazardous industry, who usually are after the first trip in credit. The said legislation to benefit the fisherman only after such time as the voyage or fish is in the hands of the supplier or his agent, and also only after, as far as from the facts can be ascertained, he is in credit. The amendment was moved in a short speech showing the terrible injustice done our Bank fishermen by present practices. The vote was taken and was the same as the last."

The address was passed at 12 o'clock and His Honor the Speaker acquainted the House that the Governor would meet the House to receive address at 12.30 next day.

Tuesday's Proceedings.—A deputation consisting of all the members of the Assembly waited on His Excellency yesterday. On to-morrow we shall give a graphic account of the freezing reception thus met with. The House is adjourned till Monday next.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

OPERATIONS to raise the coastal boat *Plover* will not be undertaken till Spring.

THE Christian Brothers gratefully acknowledge the receipt of Four Dollars towards their annual collection, from Mr. M. Cashin, Cape Broyle.

The mail-boat *Newfoundland* left Halifax at 7 o'clock last night for this port, and may be looked for here early on Friday morning, provided the ice doesn't raise its embargo.

It is to be hoped that the Post Office authorities will send, as usual, a mail for the north side of Trinity and the south side of Bonavista Bays by the S.S. *Neptune*, which sails for Catalina next Monday morning.

THE brisk breeze from the Westward to-day has cleared the offing of drift-ice. No foreign arrivals entered this port last night; the *Rose-vear*, belonging to Messrs. Munn & Co., put into Cape Broyle Harbor, but was, no doubt, liberated by the present wind.

We must apologize to our esteemed correspondents "Nehemiah McGrath," "A Merchant," "Ergo," "H. P." and "Critic," for the non-appearance of their letters in to-day's TELEGRAM. To-morrow, however, we shall do our best to accommodate them.

SCOTCHMEN who read the TELEGRAM—and, sure, they all enjoy the people's paper—will be tickled to learn that the Emir of Afghanistan has fallen in love with bagpipes, and has ordered 200 of them for Cabul. The Shah of Persia has also ordered a considered number of the same instruments. Thus music soothes the savage breast.

THE steamer *Miranda*, of the Red Cross line, has got a charter to ply between New Orleans and ports in Central America, and will be purchased in all probability by the chartering company, as the steamer appears to meet their wants, manifesting a disposition to buy, and the owners manifesting every disposition to sell.

POLITICIANS are sly animals, and may generally, when they do wrong, be classed as rogues rather than fools. The men whom the people of our northern districts have deputed here to reduce needless taxation must be judged by general rules. However great the question which statesmen may debate, the right or wrong of it is a simple matter. Judged in that way, our local legislature usually does the right thing with reluctance. An evil proposal merits more open approbation.

THE skating ice of the Parade Rink was unaffected by the thaw of yesterday, for it seems they have a colder temperature by three or four degrees up there than prevails in the lower levels of the town. A crisp and smooth sheet of ice awaits the coming of the festive throng to-night, and there will be music from 8 till 10 p.m. To-morrow evening the carnival takes place, and the merry masqueraders will afford one more opportunity of spending a pleasant hour and of hearing some pretty airs from the Band.

THE types committed a rather humorous error with one word of a paragraph in Saturday's issue touching the musical practice of the T. A. Band: one, too, which illustrates how a change of even one word only sometimes has the effect of reversing the meaning sought to be conveyed. It consisted in the insertion of "dozen in place of good"—"eight or ten good players supported by three or four leading reed instruments" will give us what so many are desirous of hearing: the interpretation of classical music. Such a band would suit our local circumstances; to hear one composed of "dozens of instrument" is something that may be found at such events as the Boston Peace Jubilee, or some mammoth celebration at the London Crystal Palace.

This is not a convenient day for a natal day. It's rather hard for those youngsters whose "lines are cast in pleasant places" to have to wait for four years before receiving a birthday present. To hear Master Tom say, "Oh! I'm going to have lots of nice things on my birthday, the 28th of February;" and Master Will exclaim, "yes, and I'm going to have an evening party, the day after, the 1st of March, you must come," are hard sayings to poor Jack who listens sorrowfully, the victim of a strange mishap that he cannot comprehend, by which his birth-day is skipped over. Poor Jack's fate is a hard one, but perhaps by-and-bye some highly endowed young miss on fortune's side will console him by exercising woman's prerogative in leap year, and affording him substantial indemnity for being ushered into the world on the 29th of February.

DIED.
At Sandy Point, Bay St. George, on Feb. 19th, Annie Mary Angela, only child of Antony and Annie M. Y. Nardini.

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CLEARED.
29—Donna Maria, LeMarquand, Barcelona, P & I, Tessier—2816 qts fish.