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LITERATURE.

THE MYSTERY OF THE GRANGE: A STORY. BY EMMA W. PHILLIPS.

From an old number of London Magazine.

It was while making a tour through Westmoreland that I became acquainted with the story I am about to relate. I had put up at a small inn on the Ambleside Road, close to the Lake of Windermere, and while discussing a bottle of wine, according to my tourist custom, with the host, had casually expressed the surprise I had felt on perceiving, along the road I had come, a handsome house, surrounded by fine woodland grounds, untenanted, evidently falling into disrepair and decay.

"Ah, Sir," answered my host, "a strange story is attached to that house. We call it here 'The Dark Sister.'"

"Indeed," I love the histories of ruined houses," said I: "have you any objection to tell me this one?"

"Certainly not, Sir," he rejoined; and, emptying his glass, which I refilled, he began, in a strong northern country dialect, which I shall take the liberty of translating into English.

"Over fifty years ago, Grestone Grange was occupied by two orphaned sisters. Their parents had died there; leaving them in the old place alone and evidently without a single friend.

"It had been a strange family; and there were strange rumors, of a respecting the father—rumors of debt and difficulty; which, to the surprise of all, had suddenly given place to affluence and comfort. But it was not long, after the changed times had set in, that the mother, then the father—died, leaving the two girls, one twenty and the other nineteen—mistresses of the Grange.

"Well, over a year had gone by since this had occurred, when a young tourist (an artist) visited this part of the country. He was a handsome, gay young fellow, with a fair, pleasant face, dark, curling chestnut hair, a joyous laugh, and merry, dancing hazel eyes. He put up at the inn, and, every morning, went strolling off, his camp-stool and sketch-book, to take the view or that—until, catching sight of Grestone Grange, he took it into his head to sketch the old place. But to do this well he had first to get inside of the gates. This—a difficult task to most—was none to him; possessing as he did, a face and manner which equalled all Caesar's courage and generalship put together, he had but to come, and to be seen, to conquer. The lodge-keeper could not withstand him, that was certain; but after a little coaxing, gave him the necessary permission, without herself asking it, for she knew well the sisters' repugnance to strangers. So, the next morning, Graham Royston had struck his camp-stool upon the green slope at the Western side of the Grange, and was hard at work with pencil and sketch-book.

"It so happened that, on this very morning—a bright and golden one—the two sisters chanced to turn their footsteps in the direction of the slope. But let me say here a moment to describe them. A few words will suffice.

"Sisters they were, truly; but as unlike in face and temperament as dark to light. Only one similar feeling held them together, as with chains of iron; that was the immeasurable affection they bore toward each other. The elder, tall, slight and with a fully developed figure, had hair of the silken jetness of the raven's wing, a pale complexion, a ruby mouth, and full, dark eyes, over which the long, heavy lashes fell, adding much to the general pensive, almost sad, expression of the entire face. The younger was shorter, of a slight girlish figure, with golden hair, a fair, peachlike complexion, soft, violet eyes, and a gentle, reliant expression in tone and manner, which made her seem as if formed like the tender tendrils of a plant, to cling for support to those of harder growth.

"As different, then, as night and day, yet each beautiful—the two sisters passed down the elm avenue; the younger's arms clasped about the other's waist, on whom she seemed to rest; while the elder was cast protectingly, as if accepting fatherly trust, implied, round Alice Grestone's neck.

"As they emerged upon the slope they certainly formed the most beautiful, the most striking, portion of the scene; at least, so Graham Royston thought, as, dropping his pencil and sketch-book, he started up, cap in hand, before them.

"The sisters' surprise at the intrusion of a stranger upon their privacy, at last yielding to feminine curiosity, the elder asked the reason of the artist's presence there. Hearing it, and, perhaps not altogether proof against the fascination of the young artist's face, they bade him visit the grounds whenever he pleased till the sketch was finished. Gladly he accepted the permission and they withdrew.

"But the sketch took a very, very long time completing. On his arrival at the inn, Graham Royston had stated it was his intention of remaining only a fortnight, but a month passed, and yet he showed no signs of departure; while the Grange appeared to be the only place in the country he cared to add to his drawings; and that he must have taken from all points of the compass.

"It was during one of his visits there that, a terrible thunderstorm coming on, the sisters had felt com-

pelled to seek him to take shelter in the house till it ceased.

"While he did so, Alice Grestone's drawings had attracted his attention, and he had spoken highly of the skill displayed in them; yet pointed out some slight crudities, which he offered as a small return for their kindness to himself, to instruct her how to remove.

"The elder sister hesitated, and drew back, a denial upon her lips; but the younger, with a sudden eagerness, accepted the offer; and taking up her pencil, prepared at once for a lesson. It need scarcely be said how it ended. All night he had guessed the conclusion; that before Graham Royston, through business, was compelled to quit Westmoreland, he had declared his love to the fair-haired girl, and in a mad, ungoverned moment, Alice Grestone had accepted him.

"That evening he had returned to the inn, flushed with happiness; and the next morning he started off gaily to the railway station, waving his hand towards the Grange, though it was not in sight, and promising a speedy return. All were sorry to lose him; but each felt that Miss Alice would grieve the most at his departure.

"In regard to the latter, the night following her confession of love, which had been uttered while bidding the young artist farewell in the elm avenue, she crept into her sister's room, her golden hair streaming loose over her soft, white dressing gown, and dimly, almost with fear, nestling down by Edith Grestone's side, had, in a faint, trembling voice, told what had happened.

"With a sharp cry, as if a terrible spasm had wrung her heart, the elder sister heard the first words—then, as if petrified, sat rigid, her hands clasped, gazing into the fire, and listening in silence to the murmuring voice of her sister. Not a word passed her lips till the other had ended, then, as if the sentences were torn from her, she cried, in a voice of despair—

"Oh! I feared it—I feared it from the first. Oh, Alice!—Oh, my sister! what have you done?"

"The tears were falling quickly down the younger's cheeks, as, throwing herself on the elder's neck she sobbed forth—

"Oh, Edith, forgive me; I could not help it. He is so very dear to me, that my love grew stronger than my duty; and this night I have promised to be his! But, she added eagerly, as if her life depended upon it, 'that one—he will not surely claim the fulfillment of my oath after so many years. Fancy, sister, four long, long years!—besides I was but a child when I did it.'"

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"Late into that day the two sisters sat, side by side, clasped in each other's arms—Alice clinging despondingly, hopelessly, to the elder, who, her white face calm, and with a certain contraction about the long, slender fingers, indicative of the intense working of the mind, looked as she was, the only protector upon whom the gentler nature could rely.

"Alice! 'tis useless these tears, or complaints against fate. It is but a weak spirit that stoops to that," said the dark sister, at last. "We must look to action—action, which alone can make man or woman independent. Arthur Heriton dates his letter from London. He will, no doubt be here to-morrow."

"Alice Grestone started, and shuddering in every nerve, murmured impudently: 'Oh, no! Impossible. Not so soon. It cannot be.'"

"But the other continued, without heeding: 'I will see him when he comes, Alice. I will tell him all; for, even should you fulfil your vow, it would be as you must not now. It is to become his wife without letting him know that your heart is his—that it never can be his. Surely he will, for his own happiness sake, listen to reason. He will not be so cruel as to press his suit, knowing that. Let him take all, so that he permits you to be free and happy, my sister!'

"Stooping, she pressed the other to her heart, passionately, while for the first time, tears stood in her dark eyes; then she arose, with the fondlest love, to soothe and quiet the sobbing, almost broken-hearted girl.

"Arthur Heriton, a man over fifty, with a tall, spare frame, a keen nose, grasping look on his sharp features, but a reversion of a free liver about the mouth and eyes, had been and had gone.

"Edith Grestone had seen him alone; she had told him all; she had reasoned, she had pleaded, and had begged, even on her knees, for her sister's freedom. But a very Shylock was Arthur Heriton, and would hear or take nothing but his bond. That must be fulfilled, or cut into the roads they would go, penniless, friendless; for the Grange was his; it was his right, his property. Had he not the papers, which he always carried about with him, to prove it?

"Let Alice refuse to keep her oath, and their parents' name, as their own, should be covered with shame, and exposed to all the world. Ay, further: he would have them in prison, too, if only for a few days, that his heavy, cruel strain might bite into their souls, and rest upon their delicate, sensitive natures through life. What! was he to be robbed of his money, and also of the girl, who, on her oath, had sworn to be his? No! while there was law in the land, he would have his rights, or take a dire revenge.

"He left—striding down the avenue, and out of the lodge gates, muttering thus; while Alice, running into the library, was crouching at her sister's feet her face buried in the heavy folds of the latter's dress; for, in the mute, stony face, and downcast eyes, she read too well the result of that terrible interview.

"Oh! Edith—sister, Alice Grestone cried at last, breaking the awful silence—speak! say what your face has already uttered—Arthur Heriton will not release me from my oath!"

"No—he refuses; and should you reject him, threatens shame to our parents' memory, and poverty and a prison to ourselves."

"Oh, heaven pity me!" moaned the girl, pressing her hands to her throbbing brain; then, with a sudden cry, she continued, as springing up, she stood, a strange light shining in her eyes—'Yes, yes; there is one way—and it is certain escape.'"

"As the dark sister looked upon the resolute face—the usually flashing eyes—she cried her. 'An escape, Alice,' she murmured.

"And that—is death!" was the firm reply.

"A cry issued from the hearer's lips; and, dashing forward, she caught the other in her arms, and she stood upon a precipice, from which she would save her. 'No, no, my Alice,' she ejaculated, at length, with a great gasp—'dream not even of so great a crime: it is a sin—it is cowardly.'"

"So three hours passed; the cool air glowed but faintly, and the dim, wintry twilight was closing round the motionless figure, before the dark sister, rigging the bell, summoned her old and faithful nurse to her.

"Nurse," she said, as she concluded a letter she had been hurriedly writing, "you, who were with us in that sad, past time, are aware of the cause that brought Mr. Heriton here to-day. Well, angry words passed between us; and, I fear, he may take proceedings against our house, which, if he does, it is not, nurse?"

"I have, therefore, written him this note. Read it. It is bidding him come here to-morrow morning; as, before that time, I hope to get my sister to hear reason, and accept his suit. It is better so, is not it, nurse?"

"Ah, surely," rejoined the old woman, who had read the letter mechanically, and now handed it back with tears in her eyes. "Ah! Miss Edith, poor Miss Alice—fancy her being sacrificed in this cruel way. I fear, nurse, she will never see him again. You must not utter that name in our presence again. See, here is the letter; take it yourself to Mr. Heriton; he is at the neighboring inn. Leave it there and return; wait for no answer."

"The nurse, replying in the affirmative, took the note and departed. As the door closed upon her, Edith Grestone, with a trembling hand, drew from among the papers littered upon the table a letter, which she opened, and read, and which she supposed she then carried, looked upon it an instant, then, casting it upon the fire, watched till every atom was consumed; afterwards, leaving the room, she sought her sister. Finding her in tears, she bade her take heart; then, in a short time, complaining of headache, she wished her good-night and retired to rest.

"To her room she went; but to rest, not to sleep, she was fated. As she lay in bed, she thought of the letter she had just burned, and her pulses at fever heat, but her touch icy-cold, even to herself. Once Alice, knocking gently, asked how she was. Countering a sleepy voice, she answered, 'Better,' but did not rise to open the door. The required strength for the interview on the morrow. An interview, she trusted, might bring happiness to her sister.

"Thus she remained till a clock struck ten; then, going to a table, she threw open an oblong box which she had brought with her from the library; and, taking out from it a handsomely mounted pistol, carefully examined it, and saw to its perfect order. She then, casting a shawl about her head and shoulders, she passed by another door into what had been her mother's apartments, and from them, by a staircase, gone out of use with the rooms, gained a small door landing upon the ground, and, after a few minutes' waiting, she saw a white, her eyes naturally bright, her teeth clenched and her hand closing like a vice upon the weapon she carried, she hurried along to a spot near a small gate where the neighboring churchyard, and the skeleton which had been found was declared by the magistrate to be that of a poacher who had been missing some years ago. It never seemed to have struck the official, though it was in the village, that Mr. Heriton, the stranger, had been missing, and had never turned up again; while some, who had seen the skeleton, averred that they had remarked through the skull a small, round hole, like that made by a pistol-bullet.

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"This story got to be told so often that, at last, it was related longer as a surmise, but as a fact. Whether it be so or not, the Roystons have never lived in the Grange, nor tried to let it; but it is rumored that they have endeavored to seek, but without success, an heir to Arthur Heriton. Failing this, the place has been left to fall into perfect ruin and dilapidation, the sight of which creates so much surprise and conjecture to all tourists who visit those parts; till from the people about, but most frequently from the host at the roadside inn, they learn the story of 'The Dark Sister.'"

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drawing the young brute aside, passionately, and with fierce warmth, embracing her, exclaimed almost entreatingly—

"Alice! when you leave this solitary place behind, and your still more solitary sister, never, darling, forget to pray for me in your prayers. Mind, your mind, you never do; for, from your hands at least I deserve every affection. Oh! Alice one day you may learn how much I love you—Hush! farewell—not a word more. And dragging the other with her, Edith Grestone hastened back to the impatient, happy bridegroom.

"Years passed over. Alice Royston's husband, having become a renowned painter, dwelt either in London or Italy; while the dark sister, shunning all society, lived alone with two servants, beside the nurse at the Grange—rarely, and towards the end, never, quitting the grounds. Seldom was she seen; but when the passers-by caught sight of her, through the lodge gates, they were painfully struck at the change which had taken place. So thin, so white, so haggard she looked—with such large, lustrous eyes—that a dread seized them: a dread that was soon explained.

"One day the servants from the Grange came hastily to the inn, breathless with the news of the sudden disappearance of their mistress, and begging help to search the country round. Then it crept out that for long past the dark sister's mind had been shattered; indeed, that she was insane, and they feared she might do herself mischief.

"Well, the search was made all day without success; till, as twilight was closing in, in a thick part of the copse, the Grange grounds—so dense that man's foot had not trodden it before for years—the host of inn, with one or two of his men, came upon a figure, as if kneeling in prayer: it was that of a woman; and, hastening forward, they were not surprised to find it the dark sister. But they recoiled in horror when, upon touching her on the shoulder to arouse her, they found her to be a corpse.

"She was resting against a tree that had been struck by lightning. But, what was that lying before her, almost as white as the scathed trunk? Could it be? Was it possible? Yes, there could be no doubt. It was the skeleton of the poacher, being. The awe-struck group raised and carried back the body to the Grange, leaving the skeleton where it lay. Then a message was sent off to the sister, announcing the horrible news, and, finding her immediate presence, and, till they came—ay, and even after the old nurse watched, almost with the wild attachment of a beast of prey, by her dead mistress.

"Well, when Mr. and Mrs. Royston came, they had a long talk in private with the magistrate of the district. The Grange stood in a rather out-of-the-world place—the sayings and doings of which seldom got carried into any of the principal towns. So the dark sister was buried in the neighboring churchyard, and the skeleton which had been found was declared by the magistrate to be that of a poacher who had been missing some years ago. It never seemed to have struck the official, though it was in the village, that Mr. Heriton, the stranger, had been missing, and had never turned up again; while some, who had seen the skeleton, averred that they had remarked through the skull a small, round hole, like that made by a pistol-bullet.

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In all the Leading Styles.
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Men and Matters in the Commons.

After securing a personal following back of this front row is another batch of Ministers: O'Connor, President of the Council; the broad, kindly features of J. C. Pope; J. H. Pope, head of the Agricultural Department; Mackenzie Bowell, the Orange Grand Master, a medium build, with a high forehead, white hair and whiskers turning gray, with a keen, penetrating gaze, and anxious to him appear the heavy features of the Minister of Justice, James Macdonald, of Pictou. Beyond him in the same line of seats, are: Stephen

"I didn't interfere," protested the Doctor.

"I didn't!"

"I didn't!"

"Now, look here," said Honest Bob, "people say curious things about you. They say you *will* lie!"

"Of course people say curious things," the Doctor pleaded, with a smile, "they say you're an *honest* man!"

The press of Canada, represented here, seemed to draw the mantle of charity over

LONDON, March 4.—The *Times* says the news from France is much to be lamented. The Cabinet is severely damaged and has lost its position in the Chambers. The consequences may not merely be a fall of the Ministry but a renewal of the confusion and weakness which tend to paralyze French government and lower the influence of France abroad. England relies on the co-operation of France in the whole course of Eastern affairs, whether by the action of Russia or otherwise.

of ice through which she could make her way. While I disapproved of Smith building such a boat as the 'Northern Light,' I condemned still more strongly our Island members for accepting a boat of such a model as the 'Northern Light.'"

Reporter: "In his election speeches Sir Albert gave as an excuse for his delay in proceeding with the Cspe Tormentine Railway, that he was prevented by the attitude of the Island members."

Mr. Pone: "During the Mackenzie

from the teaching of an irresponsible body of men, who have no special interest in affairs, other than to draw their pay. This is a tax, bad enough in good times, but really intolerable, while so many people are wanting the necessaries of life.

I know this Council imagines itself a little House of Lords, and as necessary for the well being of New Brunswick as the great House of Lords in London is for Great Britain, but more of this next week if it meet your views.

Yours,

Wm. Watson, Esq.

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J. L. Black.

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J. F. ALLISON.
Jan 30

DR. W. W. JOHNSON, DENTIST,

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Savannah, Feb. 27. 1878.

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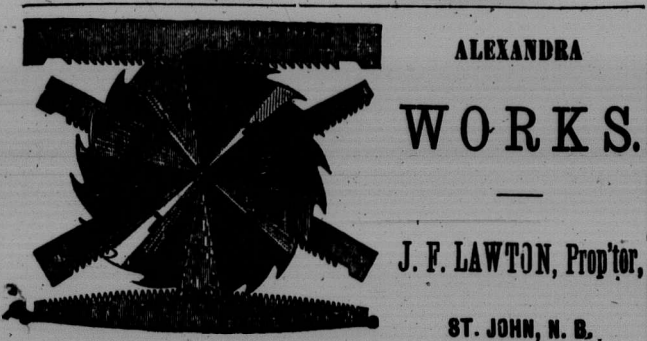
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TO COMMENCE

Wednesday, 18th Dec.

Of which more extended notice will be given next week.

40 Chests of Tea

Best quality ever sold in this country, for 35 and 40 cents per single pound.

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Which must be disposed of at any price, and he will refuse no reasonable offer for any Goods in this line.

S. S. CHAMBERS,
Assignee.
Amherst, N. S., Dec. 1878.

Local and other Matters.

The Westernland County Court opened yesterday at Dorchester.

RELIGIOUS.—Baptist services at Sackville for next Sabbath: Bethel at 11 a. m.; Salem at 3 p. m.

RIVARD has been elected Mayor of Montreal with a majority of 280 over Beaudry.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. Wm. Fowler & Co., Amherst, in another column.

DOWNED.—One of the crew of ship "Rockland," which arrived at St. John on Monday, was washed overboard during a heavy gale on 11th ult.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. John W. Steeves, of Coveville, A. C., while working in the Sackville shipyard last week had the misfortune to cut his foot completely off a little above the big toe joint.

The liabilities of Jas. Sutherland, stationer, Montreal, lately failed, are \$50,000; assets less than \$30,000. The insolvent offered 20 cents on the dollar, which was refused by the creditors.

A COMPANY with \$100,000 capital stock is being formed to start a cotton factory in Castlereagh, Que. That town has just granted a bonus of \$20,000 to the scheme, and exemption from taxes for a number of years.

NEW SAW MILL.—Mr. Harvey K. Ayer, formerly of Sackville, is now engaged putting up a large saw mill at the station on the I. C. R., called Berry's Mills, between Lutes and Steeves Mountain, A. C. It will probably be ready in a few weeks.

The Secret is the name of a new paper to be issued at St. John. One of the objects of its publication is "to give a more detailed account of the private doings of those who cause parents and friends such deep concern."—Times.

C. A. ANDERSON, DENTIST; Office, Bell's Building, corner Main Street and Fairfield Road, Sackville. Prices reduced to suit the times. Perfectly fitting dentures guaranteed. Deceased Teeth filled with pure Gold, Silver, Artificial Bone, &c. Nitrous Oxide Gas administered.—nov28tf

We have received a copy of "The United States and the Dominion of Canada: their future," by Alex. Munro, Esq., who is the author of various other works of special interest to Canadians. We recommend our readers to procure Mr. Munro's latest book and read it carefully. Mr. Jno. Carroll is the agent for Westernland Co.

FIRE AT HARVEY, A. C.—The dwelling house and two barns, with nearly all their contents, belonging to Daniel Tingley, of Harvey, A. C., were totally destroyed by fire on the morning of the 3rd inst. Loss heavy; insurance small in comparison to the amount of property destroyed.

REV. MR. CHAPMAN will preach at Fairfield next Sabbath at 2.30 p. m. Rev. Mr. Clarke will preach at Rockport next Saturday at 7 p. m., and on Sabbath at Upper Rockport at 10.30 a. m.; Grand Ance at 2.30 p. m.; Westcock Hill at 6.30 p. m. Service at Westcock at 6.30 p. m.; Wood Point at 6.30 p. m.

MORE ALBERTINE.—A private despatch received in this city, yesterday, conveys the gratifying intelligence that the Bellevue Albertine and Oil Company have struck four feet of Albertine at their mine at Taylorville, near Miramichi. This Albertine is at a depth of only 180 feet from the surface. The outlook is very promising.—Telegraph.

BUSINESS NOTES.—Albert S. Crawford, of St. Mary's, York Co., has been "missing" from Fredericton since Saturday last. Liabilities about \$8,000. Mr. Crawford was formerly owner of the *Soulanges* and latterly has been building a ferry between Taylorville and Smith's Camp. General trader, has failed. Liabilities \$4,500; assets about \$2,500.—Keddy and Co. have purchased the bankrupt stock of J. H. Murray and Co., paying therefor \$3,500.—Globe.

A SKATING CARNIVAL and Tournament will be held in Lorne Park, Amherst, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. Two prizes will be offered at the Carnival, for the best original costumes, one to ladies, and one to gentlemen. The skaters in the Tournament will compete for the championship of the Maritime Provinces; the prizes offered consist of four medals, one of gold, one of silver, and two of bronze.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Harvey Pinney, Patrick McGinley, Lewis Burns, John H. Bateman, Jude Cornier, Adolphus Holstead, Edward Hastey, James Keith, Wm. George Bateman, Thomas C. Weldon, Allan Kilham, John C. Alward, Edward V. Tait, Gordon Dickie, Chas. B. Godfrey, Martin Black, Maximilian Poirier, Ferdinand Robitoux, Geo. Pelletier, John R. Lu's, Jared Sillicker, Edward Cogswell, Laurent Corneau, (Pain Sec), and Eustache Babin, (Pain Sec), to be Justices of the Peace for Westernland County.

THE ST. JOHN COUNTRY MARKET.—The market has been but poor during the past week, and on Saturday was very poorly supplied. Geese and chickens were scarce, and the former were selling at 70 cents each, and the latter at 60 cents per pair. Eggs were bringing 27 cents per dozen. Hams were in good supply, bringing from 7 to 8 cents per pound. Green beans were selling at 9 cents. Butter at 15 and 18 cents per lb. Mutton was high. Beef plentiful, home beef being in most demand. Pork scarce, and rising in price. On Thursday, Messrs. Gunter & Co. shipped to the New York market 1,114 bbls. of potatoes. This was the most noticeable feature in the week's business.—Sun.

New Brunswick Legislature.

FREDERICTON, March 1.—The House met at 2.30 p. m. the following bills were introduced:—

Mr. Crawford, a bill to establish a Bill in favor of mechanics and others.

Mr. Marshall, a bill for the protection of mechanics and other material men.

Notices of motion were given by Mr. Hutchinson, for information in reference to the appointment and dismissal in connection with the Tracadie Lazaretto Board of Health for Gloucester and Northumberland during the years 1878-9; by Mr. Willis, for expenditure connected with repairs of Marsh Bridge; by Dr. Bell, for a statement of the expenditure connected with roads and bridges in Kings County from May 1st to Sept. 1st, 1878; by Barbare, for suspension of the rule to introduce a bill incorporating the Dalhousie Branch Railway; by Mr. Black, relative to expensives, etc., in connection with the various Provincial services; by Mr. Fraser, of a resolution making former standing rules applicable till new ones were framed and providing for standing committee rules. Messrs. Fraser, Davidson, Yell, Willis and others, to be such committee.

Dr. Lewis moved for a committee on mining interests; Messrs. Lewis, Ryan Butler, Lynott and Ritchie were appointed such committee.

Mr. Black moved for a committee on matters connected with the agricultural interests; Messrs. Black, Lynott, White, McManus, Johnson, Moreton, Theriault, Gillespie, Butler, Barbare, McLellan, Covert, Colter, Beveridge and Turner were named as such committee.

Mr. Blair asked the Attorney General if it was the intention of the Government to make explanations regarding the changes in the Executive since last session, also if the Government intends filling the vacancy, at present existing in the Council.

The Attorney General wanted two days, but on being pressed by Mr. Willis that at least the first part of the question justified an immediate answer, he replied that it would be made at a proper time.

On motion of the Attorney General the House adjourned till 10 a. m. on Monday.

MARCH 3.—The House of Assembly opened at 10 a. m.

Hon. Mr. Wedderburn moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Fraser, that Mr. Davidson be chairman of Supply Committee.

Mr. White asked if it were not customary to appoint the Chairman after the Address passed.

Hon. Mr. Wedderburn explained.

LIENS.

Hon. Mr. Crawford moved, and Mr. Marshall seconded, that a committee of five shall be appointed to whom shall be referred all matters connected with liens. The committee appointed were Messrs. Crawford, Hill, Lynott, Marshall and Black.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Mr. Marshall moved the suspension of rules 29 and 30 of the House, to enable him to introduce a bill with relation to slaughter houses in St. John.

Mr. Marshall presented a petition from citizens of St. John, praying the passage of a resolution with respect to slaughter houses in that city.

JOURNAL.

Mr. Wedderburn moved that 400 copies of the journals of the Assembly be printed for the use of the House.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

By Mr. Butler—to introduce a bill to amend chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes relative to the election of members to serve in the General Assembly.

By Mr. Marshall—a bill relative to slaughter houses in the city of St. John.

By Mr. White—for copies of all papers connected with the reporting of debates of Assembly during the sessions of 1877 and 1878.

Mr. Landry moved that leave of absence be granted to Mr. Johnson for two days.

The report of the committee on rules, Dr. Vail chairman, was received recommending the suspension of rules to allow the introduction of a bill defining the limits of sidewalks in St. John.

Dr. Vail asked leave to introduce a bill to provide for simultaneous elections in the Province.

MARCH 4.—The House met at 10 a. m. A number of bills were read a second time.

Hon. Mr. Crawford moved that Mr. Ritchie be added to the committee on Liens. The Speaker ruled that notice must be given.

Dr. Vail gave notice of a motion for a statement of accounts paid, due, and unclaimed on account of the St. Martins and Upham Railway, with all papers appertaining thereto; also a statement of monies paid or due on contracts entered into, extra, and expenses incurred in the erection of Ferry Point Bridge, King's County.

Mr. McManus gave notice of an inquiry if any negotiations were pending between the Provincial and Dominion Governments for the transfer of the Tracadie Lazaretto to the latter.

Mr. Gillespie gave notice of an inquiry if it was the intention of the Government to reduce the stampage rates, and if so, when the new scale would come in force.

LONDON, March 2.—The Viceroy of India has received a letter from Yakoob Khan, announcing the death of his father on 21st February.

A Berlin publication, issued by the Russian secret press, declares that the Governor of Charkoff has been condemned to death by the Russian Socialist party for inhuman treatment of political prisoners.

Have you inflammatory sore throat, stiff joints, or lameness from any cause whatever? Have you rheumatism or other pains in any part of the body? If so use "Johnson's Anodyne Liniment." It is the most wonderful internal and external remedy known to medicine.

FROM OTTAWA.

Special Despatch to Chignecto Post.

OTTAWA, March 6.—Cookburn introduced a Bill relating to Halifax City R. R. Co.

Mackenzie said this was copy of Bill introduced by Tupper last session and he would oppose it as it proposed to give rights to parties who had no rights.

Tupper said the Bill did no such thing; the Company claimed that they had rights which were taken away from them by legislation, and this Bill proposed to give them an opportunity to prove their rights.

The Bill would leave the Co. in the position they had before the passage of the Intercolonial Railway Act.

Mackenzie said no such Bill should be introduced by consent of the Government, as the rights of the Crown were involved, the Crown should be properly admitted.

Cookburn defended the Bill. The Company had been deprived by the Intercolonial Railway Act of the power to set up claims for certain rights which had been conferred on them by the Local Legislature and taken from them by Parliament, it was for the purpose of restoring to the Co. the privilege of appealing to the Tribunal before which their claims were before the passage of the I. C. R. Act. He asked the Government to give the consent of the Crown to the admission of the Bill.

Sir John said he could not do so without the assent of the Government and suggested that the Bill be held over until he had time to consider its provisions. The Bill was withdrawn.

Domville asked whether the Government have taken any steps towards recovering sums of money that may be due from officers of the public service. Sir John answered yes.

Burpee moved for correspondence respecting the dismissal of Capt. Sir John said he would refer to the Government steamer "Newfield."

Interesting Letter from Jolicoeur.

To Editor of Chignecto Post.

DEAR SIR.—The late thaw placed the roads here in a very bad condition. They are full of holes, and caused by the travel during the thaw, which renders them almost impassable.

The well-known Albion House in this place is a very convenient resort for the travelling public, and situated at the upper end of Jolicoeur, where the two roads leading to Bay Verte meet. The proprietor is Mr. Richard Oar, who, being a clever, old-hand sort of a fellow, will no doubt give every attention to the people who patronize his house. It is the place to get a good square meal or a good drink of brandy. I am sorry to state that a little more was risen there a few nights ago by a Sackville man.

A few folks from this and adjoining places gathered there to have a little drink, and amongst them was a Sackville man, who, thinking himself a bully boy, began to kick up a row with the proprietor, who he had no business to do, about a bottle of liquor, and a brother of the proprietor interfered and tried to make peace.

During the altercation, the Sackville man dealt the proprietor a blow, and then the row began, during which the Sackville man got what he evidently deserved—a pair of black eyes and a nice little dressing. There are fighting men in Jolicoeur as well as in Sackville.

Mr. Abel Dryer of Point de Bute has got the contract of getting a hundred knees for Ed. Ogden, Esq., Sackville. He has got them nearly all out.

The tanning and shoe-making shop of James Filmore, Esq., Bay Verte Road, was unroofed during one of the late heavy gales.

The people of this place are not very well pleased with the game law as regards the shooting of ducks and geese in the spring. It is understood that the law forbids shooting wild fowl after the first of March; which is considered by the people as very queer, because they never come before the last of March or the first of April, and all that is shot on our marshes is not worth mentioning. They merely shoot a few to get a taste of wild fowl. Mr. Isaac Jones of Point de Bute is Game Warden, and no doubt he will fulfil his duty to the mark, as he gets half of the fine for every insult.

XLV.

The Zulu War.

LONDON, March 1.—A despatch from Capetown says that affairs in Transvaal are causing anxiety. It is reported that the Republicans intend to reconvene the old Volksraad which was dissolved by Sir Theophilus Shepstone and elect a president of the Transvaal Republic.

It is reported also that a majority of the Transvaal Boers will decline to take part against the Zulus.

A despatch from Capetown to Gen. Kruger, former president of the Transvaal, asking the Boers to remain neutral, has been intercepted. The commander of Dutch station has seized and sent back to the Zulu the cattle captured and sold to settlers on the ground that the Zulus might be expected to furnish the Transvaal to recapture their cattle. A British magistrate has issued a warrant for the arrest of the commander but the attempt to execute it will probably be resisted. The leaders of the Dutch party protest against these reports and against the suspicion of the alliance between the Boers and Zulus.

A CARD.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c. I will send a recipe that will cure you, fast or slow. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. INMAN, Station D, Bible House, New York City.

How to Make Money.

A horse dealer residing in the vicinity of Keppel, N. J., and who buys up horses for the New York market, purchases "Dunlop's Condition Powders and Arabian Heave Remedy" for the dozen and feeds it to his horses; he says it is superior to anything that he has ever used as a condition medicine, that the horses are so much more improved by its use as to sell more readily and command higher prices. Two other horse dealers, one residing at Huntington, and the other at Glen Cove, L. I., also purchase it by the dozen and for the same purpose; these men, as well as many others similarly engaged, know too well the value and importance of this medicine over to be without it.—Remember the name and see that the signature of Hurd & Co. is on each package. Northrop & Lyman, Toronto, Ont., proprietors for Canada. Sold by all medicine dealers.

Liver is King.

The Liver is the imperial organ of the whole human system, as it controls the life, health and happiness of man. When it is disturbed in its proper action, all kinds of ailments are the natural result. The digestion of food, the movements of the heart and blood, the action of the brain and nervous system are all immediately connected with the workings of the Liver. It has been successfully proved that "Green's August Flower" is unequalled in curing all persons afflicted with Liver complaint, and all the numerous symptoms that result from an unhealthy condition of the Liver and Stomach. Sample bottles to try, 10 cents. Positively sold in all towns on the Western Continent. Three doses will prove that it is just what you want.

For sale in Sackville by A. Dixon.

Bronchitis.

From J. Flagg, Esq., of Bennington, N. H.: "Three years since I was very much reduced with a dreadful cough, which resulted in Bronchitis, affecting me so severely as to render it difficult to speak in an audible voice. To this was added severe night sweats, and I was fearful of going into a decline. After recourses to various remedies, to no purpose, I made use of 'Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry,' a few bottles of which fully restored me to health. Since that time I have had several severe attacks of cough, but the 'Balsam' has always removed them. I always keep it by me, and should not know how to do without it."

80 cents and \$1 a bottle. Sold by all druggists.

There is an advertisement in my column to which we take much pleasure in referring our readers, because we believe in it and can conscientiously and heartily recommend it. We refer to "Hall's Hair Renewer." We remember many cases in our midst of old and middle aged people who formerly wore grey hair, or whose locks were thin and faded, but who now have presentable head pieces, and with no little pride announce to their friends that they have not a grey hair in their heads. It is a pardonable pride, and the world would be better off, if there was more of it, for when the aged make themselves attractive to others they are more certain to win and retain the esteem and respect to which a burden of well spent years entitles them. Try "Hall's Hair Renewer" if age or disease has thinned or whitened your locks and you will thank us for our advice.—*Pan-Island News, Westburg, N. Y.*

Read the Following.

SALT RHEUM CURED.—I had Salt Rheum on my hand for two years; I tried every doctor I could hear of. The salves, ointments and soaps without number; nothing benefited me. A 50c bottle of "Giles' Liniment Iodide of Ammonia" cured me in less than a week. A. ROMANUS, 169 W. 32d St., New York.

We caution all persons not to buy the extra large packs of dust and ashes now put up by certain parties and called condition powders. They are utterly worthless. But "Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powder" if you have any; they are absolutely pure and immensely valuable.

MARRIED.

On 11th ult., at Wallace Bay, by Rev. Joseph Hale, Mr. Harris Peers to Miss Laura Tidd, of Westport.

On 28th ult., at River Hebert, by Rev. H. Boud, Mr. John Welch to Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. Edward Harrison, both of Maccan.

On 25th ult., at Parroboro, by the Rev. W. V. Macdonald, J. W. Graham, Esq., of Economy, N. S., to Addie Boyd, of Five Islands.

On 20th ult., at Amherst, by the Rev. D. A. Steele, Mr. Titus Anderson, of Midgie, to Annie Laura, daughter of Mr. Milner Purdy, of Amherst.

DIED.

On 17th ult., at Bay Verte, of inflammation of the liver and kidney, George R. Phelin, aged 70 years.

On 24th ult., at Goose River, N. S., Sophia, relict of Mr. John Moore, aged 82 years.

On 15th ult., at Parroboro, Mrs. Hugh Miller, aged 96 years.

On 16th ult., at Parroboro, the wife of the late Capt. John Pettis, aged 83 years.

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SUPERIOR House and Steam COAL from the Cumberland (formerly Chignecto) Mine, can now be obtained at the Mine or at the Coal Shed, at Amherst Station.

Prices at the Mine:—Round \$3.50 per chaldron; Nut \$2.00.

These seams of Coal are from a new opening, the product of which is known to be 20 per cent. stronger than any other Coal in this region.

Will be sold for Cash or Country Produce.

Coal may

