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By Telegraph

LATEST FROM TWILLINGATE.

The Harbor Filled With Ice.

OWNERS OF SEAL NETS DOING WELL

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

TWILLINGATE, This Afternoon.

The steamer *Hercules* arrived here on Saturday night. She succeeded in landing mails at Fogo, and passengers at Change Islands. Twillingate harbor is full of standing ice. The *Hercules* could not cross the Bay, and landed all her freight at Twillingate Arm. She was ready to start for home on Sunday night, but is still detained by the ice outside. It is still doubtful whether she will get clear. Some of our people here have done fairly well with seal nets, and prospects are good. Wind from the south-west, blowing a light breeze.

HEAVY WEATHER ON THE ATLANTIC.

The "Sarnia's" Cargo Shifted.

QUEEN VICTORIA VISITS PARIS.

Spain Preparing for War.

WHAT SENATOR HOAR WANTS.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 24.

The steamer *Sarnia* for Liverpool, with Canadian mails, coming from Baltimore, met with fearful weather. Her cargo shifted, causing a heavy list. The cargo is being adjusted here.

Queen Victoria stays a night in Paris on her way to Italy, to receive President Carnot.

The Spanish Government has ordered from England a camp equipage and hospital stores for twenty-five thousand men.

Senator Hoar has introduced a resolution in the Senate at Washington, opening negotiations with England and Canada to make the Welland Canal free, and to construct a free ship canal from the Bay of Fundy to the St. Lawrence, also freedom of the Panama and Suez Canal.

FROM CAPE RACE.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CAPE RACE, This Evening.

Wind southwest, blowing a fresh breeze and weather dull. The brigantine "Adamantine" passed inward at 2.15 p.m. yesterday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction—fresh beef.....J. & W. Pitts
Auction—beef, mutton, etc.....Clift, Wood & Co
Auction—brandy and gin.....John S Simms
Household coal.....James Murray
Carnival notice.....Parade Rink
Chicago corned beef.....George E. Bearns
Shilling tea.....at Brooking's
H.L.E.S.—special meeting.....see advertisement
Flour—White Star and Bijou.....at Murray's
Building lots for sale.....C. B. Rankin
Real Canada butter.....James Murray,
T. A. Dramatic Co.....see advertisement

NOTICE:

The T. A. Dramatic Company will please attend rehearsal TO-NIGHT, at half-past 7 o'clock. jan24,11

TAKE NOTICE:

ALL PERSONS wanting COALS for winter use can be supplied with the best North Sydney or English Household Coal, from the People's Depot at Brooking's, at the rate of TWENTY-FOUR SHILLINGS (24s.) per ton, sent home promptly for cash on delivery. jan24,fp,eod JAMES MURRAY.

GOLD PENS AND PEN-HOLDERS, UNIQUE Paper Cutters, Silver Five o'clock Teaspoons, Engagement Rings, Dress Rings, and Wedding Rings, &c. Preserve your Precious Eyesight by Procuring a Pair of LAURANCE'S Spectacles at N. OHMAN'S, Atlantic Hotel Building, Water Street. dec14

TEA NOTICE! BE NOT DECEIVED!

OUR SHILLING TEA (1s. per pound) is the best Tea for the price this market affords. It can be had in chests of 60-lbs. for \$12 (twelve dollars) per chest. Better TEA at correspondingly low prices. The envy of all tea-men in Terra Nova. Caddies of 20-lbs. for \$6 (six dollars) per caddy. Address MCBRIDE'S HILL or BROOKING'S. jan24,fp,eod JAMES MURRAY.

CARD!

WILLIAM GLAPP,
SOLICITOR, ETC.

OFFICE: "Telegram" Building,
Duckworth Street.
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WANTED:

A PLAIN COOK and HOUSEMAID
References required. Apply at this office. jan8,fp

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION SALES.

To-Morrow, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock,
ON THE WHARF OF

J. & W. PITTS,
100 Quarters Fresh Beef.

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To-Morrow, Wednesday, at 12 o'clock,
at the Examining Warehouse,

QUEEN'S WHARF,
6 cases BRANDY.

5 cases CORDIALS (Cassie Wine)
5 cases GIN.

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JOHN S. SIMMS, Auctioneer.

On THURSDAY next, at 11 o'clock,
ON THE WHARF OF

CLIFT, WOOD & Co.,
50 quarters Prime Fresh P.E.I. Beef,

20 carcs Prime Fresh P.E.I. Mutton,

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Ex schr. "Lizzie" from P. E. Island.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
On THURSDAY, 26th inst., at 12 o'clock, noon,

ON THE PREMISES,
ALL THE RIGHT, Title and Interest of JOHN SHEEHAN, of, in and to the unexpired term of 33 years in the DWELLING HOUSE, situate on the west side of Cochrane Street, and adjoining Callahan's bakery.

Ground Rent \$19.20. Particulars on application to DRYER & GREENE, Auctioneers, or to M. J. O'MARA, Solicitor.

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ON SALE,

At Brooking's & McBride's Hill,

HAY!

OATS! (in bags)
BRAN!

FEED!
POLLARD!
CORN!

Cheap for Cash. and MEAL!

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GENT'S SHIRTS, UNDER-CLOTHING,
Sax, Ladies' Waterproofs, Furs, Gloves,
Fresh Arrival Mantles, by "Assyrian."

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C. MACPHERSON.

SWEET ORANGES

In Cases, 24s. per Case.

NEW ONIONS,

In Cases, 24s. per Case.

Winter Apples

In barrels, 20s. and 22s. 6d. per barrel.

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OPPOSITE COMMERCIAL BANK.

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AT ELEVEN PENCE (11d.) PER GAL.

For sale in Casks at BROOKING'S all the time.

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FOR SALE,

That Fee-Simple Farm,

SITUATE ON THE SOUTH-SIDE OF THE WATERFORD BRIDGE RIVER, adjoining property on the east owned by Thomas Shortall, and on the west by property owned by the St. Patrick's Convent, and nearly opposite the farm of Hon. John Syme.

The Dwelling-House on the premises to be removed on the signing of transfer. For particulars apply to MORRIS & MORRIS, Solicitors for Administrator of the late Edward Ryan. jan18,1w,fp

Special Notice To/Outport Customers.

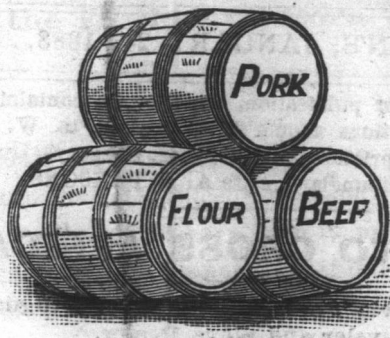
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CASH REMITTANCE Must Accompany every order.

JAMES MURRAY.

jan20,fp Brooking's and McBride's Hill.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



Just Received direct from Chicago.

100 barrels CORN MEAL.

50 half-barrels CORN BEEF.

100 cases, 2-lb tins CORN BEEF

The above is a very choice article, packed November 17th, 1887, by the celebrated packers, Libby, McNeil & Libby. Choice article for family use. Half-barrels \$6.00 each. Special price for lots.

WATER STREET, } ----- GEORGE E. BEARNS.
NEAR JOB'S.

WE SELL GENUINE

Mont Bernard Tobacco,

4-cts plug. -- 22-cts for 6 plugs. -- 45-cts for 13 plugs.

INDIAN CORN, IN TWO-BUSHEL SACKS, \$2.00 EACH.

F. PARNELL,

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Special to Purchasers for Cash.

THE :: NORTH :: SIDE

on the Currency Question.

WE GO FURTHER. WE TAKE AMERICAN AND CANADIAN Silver at old rates. WE take American Gold and Paper, and Canadian Paper at full value in exchange for goods.

This will enable purchasers getting money from friends in Canada or the United States to Buy to the best advantage.

BLACKWOOD & BLAIR.

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FRESH Turkeys. Ducks. Geese.

LANDING EX "PORTIA" AND FOR SALE BY

James & Wm. Pitts,

FRESH TURKEYS.

FRESH DUCKS.

FRESH CHICKEN.

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NOW READY!

The Newfoundland Almanac for 1888

For Sale at the Bookstores, and at the Office of publication, Gregory's Lane.

PRICE ----- 25 CENTS.

BUILDERS' SUPPLY STORE,

water Street.

100 M. SEASONED PINE LUMBER,

1, 2, 3 and 3-inch.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

Fresh Baltimore Flour.

NOW LANDING,
Ex "Nova Scotian," from Baltimore,

500 BRLS. NEW, INSPECTED
Baltimore Flour:

"America Mills." We are selling this superb Flour at BROOKING'S, for the low price of TWENTY SHILLINGS (20s.) per brl., if applied for immediately.

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CHOICE BALDWIN APPLES

On Sale by Clift, Wood & Co.,

50 brls. WINTER-KEEPING BALDWIN Apples, packed by A. S. Harris, at his orchard in Annapolis Valley. jan20

FAT CANADIAN BEEF & LAMB.

ON SALE BY

J. & W. PITTS,

70 Quarters Fat Canadian Beef,
Ex S.S. "Portia."

1 crate fat Canadian LAMBS,
jan19,2fp Ex S.S. "Nova Scotian."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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White Star and Bijou.

500 BARRELS EACH OF THESE FAVORITE BRANDS

Superior Ex. Flour,

—FOR SALE BY—

jan24,fp JAS. MURRAY.

A Special Meeting

—OF THE—

H. I. E. SOCIETY

Will be held in their HALL, on TO-MORROW, Wednesday, EVENING, at 7.30 o'clock.

As matters of very great importance will come before the meeting all are requested to attend.

[By order.]
M. W. FURLONG,
Secretary.

FOR SALE,

—(BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.)—

Two Building Lots

—FRONTING ON—

Cook and Scott Streets.

Apply to C. B. RANKIN,
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REAL Canada BUTTER.

50 tubs Selected Townships } FRESH
100 tubs Selected Kamouraska } CANADA.
100 tubs Choice Morrissey } BUTTER:
of exquisite flavor, for sale by

jan24 JAMES MURRAY.

PARADE SKATING RINK.

Grand Masquerade & Fancy Dress Skating Carnival.

A GRAND FANCY DRESS SKATING CARNAVAL will take place at the Parade Rink on Thursday, February 2nd. (Ice permitting), under the auspices of Prof. Bennett's Band. The following gentlemen have kindly consented to act as Committee of Management:—Messrs. P. Laracy, (Chairman), T. Skinner, R. Keough, J. Callahan, T. Dalton, J. Curran, S. Furest, E. Snow, J. McNamara, A. Smallwood, E. Smyth, E. Mews, W. Bulger, G. Williams, T. McGrath, H. Morrissey, and M. Knowling.

Tickets, Masqueraders 20 cts., Spectators 10c. On this occasion Book-Tickets will not be admissible. The ice will be reserved for maskers only. Tickets may be had on application to any of the above named committee, to-morrow evening. jan23,3fp

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Church of England Temperance Society

—INTEND HOLDING A—

Tea Meeting & Entertainm't

(under the auspices of the Cathedral Branch.)

On TUESDAY, 7th February,

IN ST. PATRICK'S HALL.

Further particulars later on. jan19,3fp,eod

A :: Shipment

—OF—

BARCLAY, PERKINS & Co.'s

Imperial Invalid Stout

Just Received, per S.S. "Assyrian,"

FOR SALE AT THE

Army & Navy Depot,

jan18,1w,fp 119 Duckworth Street.

FOR SALE,

That commodious

Dwelling House,

Now occupied by Mrs. SALTER, Military Road (nearly opposite the Colonial Building), containing: six Bedrooms, Drawing-room, 2 Parlors—both handsomely frescoed, and Breakfast Room, two Kitchens (one concrete), two Cellars, and Back Yard.

The house is built on land leased for 999 years, at a small annual rent, and is supplied with water, gas, bells throughout, closets, and every convenience calculated to make it a very desirable residence. For particulars, Apply to

WALTER CLOUSTON,
or to MRS. T. SALTER.

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The Clipper Schooner

HARVEST HOME,

With all her materials. Admirably suited for a Banker or Coaster; hardwood hull, new top-sides; fast sailer, and has always been well cared for. May be seen at Brooking's. Apply to

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Great Bargains in Blankets & Calicoes, WILLIAM FREW'S, 191 WATER STREET.

JUST RECEIVED, PER "ASSYRIAN," AN IMPORTANT PURCHASE OF CALICOES, which we are offering at 5, 6, 7 and 8 cents per yd, strong and wide; BEST VALUE EVER SHOWN. Also, another Bale of ENGLISH BLANKETS, at \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

NOTE - Canadian and American Silver taken in trade at former value. January 20

BUILDERS' SUPPLY STORE, Water Street.

200 M. SEASONED PINE LUMBER, 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 3-inch. WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

Drink the Health-Giving Waters!

FOR SALE AT FORAN'S, ATLANTIC HOTEL. Mineral Waters: from the Chalybeate Springs. A Genuine Blood Purifier. A certain and perfect cure for Dyspepsia, Nervousness and Debility.

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Candles, Candles

ON SALE BY CLIFT, WOOD & CO. Morrill's Celebrated Mould Candles, 6's and 8's - 25 lbs. per box.

John S. Simms, TWO TABLE PIANOS.

GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE, SITUATE 1 1/2 miles from Town.

I AM INSTRUCTED TO OFFER FOR SALE BY private contract - that desirable detached Residence, standing on about 30-acres of Land, with elegantly-laid-out gardens and pleasure grounds, including flower and Michigan gardens, tennis, lawn and plantation, approached from the Portugal Cove and Torbay Roads by a very pretty and well-planted avenue.

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ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 24, 1888.

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FIRST TO CROSS AFRICA.

Death of Silvia Porto, a Famous Portuguese Traveler and Slave Dealer.

The latest mails from Europe announce the death at Bihe, in Africa, of a Portuguese whose name is conspicuous in the annals of African travel. Years ago, says the New York Sun, Silvia Porto had grown old and rich in the slave and ivory trade, and for more than thirty years he has been known as the first white man to cross Africa from sea to sea.

About two hundred miles inland, and almost directly east of the Portuguese coast town of Benguela, is Belmont in Bihe, the settlement of Silva Porto. Here were his large plantations and storehouses, and from Belmont his bands of Bihe natives pushed into remote regions in search of ivory and slaves. In 1853 Silvia Porto decided to travel through the country from which his riches were derived. With a large caravan he started eastward, and never stopped until he had reached the Indian Ocean.

Two years after Silva Porto started on his long journey, Livingstone left Loanda, and crossing Porto's path, reached the Indian Ocean, at the mouth of the Zambesi, completing the second journey across the continent. A number of explorers were entertained and aided on their journeys by Silva Porto, and his treatment of travelers agreeably contrasted with the shabby conduct of many other Portuguese merchants who were anxious to keep white men out of their trading preserves.

"I am an old man," he wrote to Serpa Pinto, "but I am still tough and strong. If you find yourself on your journey surrounded by peril, with all but hope gone, try to hold your own, and send a letter to me by the natives at any cost. Within the shortest possible time I will be with you, and will bring help and means."

FATAL FIGHT ON A TRAIN.

A Man Killed and Several Wounded on the Chesapeake & Ohio Road.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 28.-A telegram from Charleston says a serious riot occurred on a passenger train on the Chesapeake & Ohio Road, near Hinton, Monday night, in which several persons were badly wounded, one of them fatally. Only meager news is at hand, but the facts indicate that a party of half a dozen men, more or less under the influence of liquor, boarded the train at Madeira Station and attempted to take possession. Conductor Frank Atkinson shot one of the men in the abdomen. The brother of the wounded man then jabbed a pistol in the conductor's mouth and shot his tongue out. Brakeman William Netherland was struck on the head and disabled, and a colored man was shot through the body. None of the names of the attacking party could be known here.

A WATERLOO VETERAN.

The Rev. Canon Wright writes from Coningsby Rectory, Dec. 8: "Another Waterloo veteran, John Williams, of Chapel Hill, near Coningsby, Lincolnshire, passed away on Wednesday last at the advanced age of 95, his birthday being on the anniversary of the Queen's accession. He was a native of Timberland, and enlisted at Boston in 1810. He served in Holland as a driver in the Royal Artillery, and subsequently before Antwerp, and again under Captain Bolton at the battle of Waterloo. He was also present at the entry into Paris on the 7th of July, 1815, and took his discharge in 1818. He was a steady, cheerful old man, and, I believe, a good Christian."

THE WEDMORES' 'HOP.'

A Jersey Story.

"MY DEAR, they are as good as engaged; they always were together even before Gertie was in her teens; and two years ago, when she was sixteen, there was a tremendous row. Miss Fox, in her usual amiable way, congratulated both Colonel Moray and Mrs. Clive on the engagement. Of course the result was astonishment, indignation, Percy and Gertie called up to judgment, vows of eternal constancy, Gertie sent to school for six months; and ever since then, whenever Harry has been over here, six "rounds" together at every hop, and all the squares set out in the garden, whether Mr. Clive liked it or not. I suppose, now Percy has this money left him, it will be all right."

So spoke Miss May Faulkner, a Jersey belle, aged twenty, to her companion, Clare Grattan, a girl two years her senior, who had come from England on a visit to the Clives above mentioned.

The girls were strolling slowly along the St. Heller's broad, white sands; they were lagging rather behind the rest of their party, which had split itself up into two other couples.

Clare Grattan's heart was heavy with a dull oppression of pain, the result of a fear becoming a reality, as she answered:

"Then, you think Mr. Moray (there was a momentary pause before she spoke this name) 'and Gertie care for one another?'"

"Think so? Look there." As May spoke she pointed to the figures of a young girl and a man who were standing almost at the water's edge, their outlines sharply defined against the sunset glow. Their faces were turned towards the sea, away from Clare; but she, looking at the young man's bent head, the girls upturned one, could fancy only too well the look of Percival Moray's brown eyes. Had she not known it to her own cost?

She had been a fool, she thought, and only that afternoon had been happy in her folly. Clare Grattan had been only six weeks at Jersey, but that time had been fuller and more intense to her than all the years of her yet early womanhood; she had learned her own heart at length and grown into love.

For the last month she had found herself, whenever she was at a dance, waiting with a feverish impatience for the advent of a tall slight figure with a bright honest face, the charm of which it was difficult to analyze, but impossible not to feel. She had listened every morning, as she sat in the breakfast-room with Gertie, for a cheerful voice calling them from the garden below, and begging them to come out for a practice at lawn-tennis; and she had felt a new intense pleasure in the rare talks, in which Percival seemed to show her glimpses of the other "soul side" which a man keeps "to show a woman when he loves her." He suited her as no one else had ever done, and she had fancied that he wished to let her know that he loved her.

And yet she had feared sometimes—and, as it had proved, had reason for her fears—that Gertie and Percival had loved one another; and how, thought Clare now, could any girl who had once cared for Percival Moray become indifferent to him?

Clare still was pondering, when Gertie turned her steps towards her friends.

"Do you know it is nearly seven o'clock, Clare? We shall have a nice scolding from mamma if we are late for dinner, and we promised to be at the Wedmores' by a quarter to nine."

Clare smiled faintly.

"How horribly fagged you do look! Not at all like dancing. These last three nights have been too much for you."

"Are you tired?" asked Percy of Miss Grattan, bending towards her.

If he had only known the sharp thrill of pain the tone of his voice caused her. She was glad to hear her own sound unconstrained as she answered.

"Not at all, thank you."

"We have come too far along the sands; I ought to have remembered. Won't you take my arm?"

"Oh, no; I am all right."

He said no more, but, turning again to Gertie, called out to two other individuals who had apparently forgotten everything else in the contemplation of a dead star fish; at all events they had been gazing at it for fully five minutes, when Percy's voice reached them.

"Hallo, Rashton! come on, it's getting late." Thus addressed, the two defaulters moved slowly towards the rest of the little group. Their conversation, as they strolled along, was after this wise.

(To be continued.)

CARD!

WILLIAM CLAPP, SOLICITOR, ETC. OFFICE: "Telegram" Building, Duckworth Street.

CHOICE BALDWIN APPLES

On Sale by Clift, Wood & Co., 50 bris. WINTER-KEEPING BALDWIN Apples, packed by A. S. Harris, at his orchard in Annapolis Valley.

FAT CANADIAN BEEF & LAMB.

ON SALE BY J. & W. PITTS, 70 Quarters Fat Canadian Beef, Ex S.S. "Portia." 1 crate fat Canadian LAMBS, Ex S.S. "Nova Scotian."

FOR SALE.

2 Pair Curling Stones. Apply at this office.

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FOR SALE.

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10 bris Crystallized SUGAR, 10 bris Grated SUGAR.

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ON SALE BY Jas. & Wm. Pitts, 85 Pairs

PRIME FRESH GESE, 50 prs. prime fresh Fowl.

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The cargo of the schr. "Four Brothers," from Georgetown, consisting of:
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I set Bells.
dec15 **JOHN S. SIMMS.**

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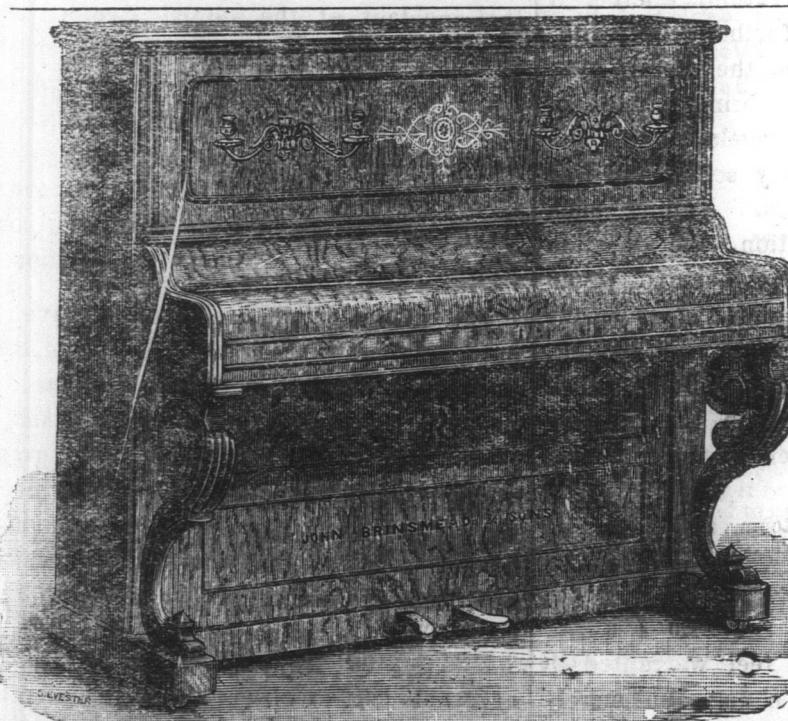
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ADELAIDE CAMERON'S "SHADOW LOVE."

By the Author of Dora Thorne.

CHAPTER XXII.
(Continued.)
Would the day ever come when she would reign in that magnificent mansion as its mistress? She would have been its mistress now, her husband still by her side, if it had not been for this Miss Cameron who was loved 'almost as much as my lord.' Would she ever stand there, arrayed in fine dresses and costly jewels, the queen of brilliant fetes, honored, happy, and beloved, her husband with her, and her heart at rest? If they lived to see Walton together, would he tell her the secret of the will? She might have written to him, and have told him of the line she had read in Miss Cameron's letter, and have asked him to tell her the secret of the will—but she would not do it. That knowledge which he had kept from her and had shared with another woman must be voluntarily shared with her.

'It is his secret and Miss Cameron's,' she said to herself, bitterly—'not mine.'

And then came a reaction. How could she be unjust to one who had given her such proofs of his love? All that concerned him concerned her too—the secret was hers as well as his.

'I never saw such a one to dream in my life!' said Mrs. Grame to herself; and then, with a courtesy full of respect, she said that the lady had now seen all that was generally shown to strangers.

'And I have enjoyed it very much,' said Lady Rylestone; but her heart sunk as she spoke.

She was going now; and, although she had the pleasure of seeing Allan's home, she knew that she was as far from the discovery she wished to make as she had been before.

She thanked Mrs. Grame in the manner best suited to that good lady's understanding. The result was a still deeper courtesy, and an offer to show the conservatories if the lady liked.

The lady liked anything that would give her the chance of remaining a little longer at Walton; so they went through the long range of glass houses, and Lady Rylestone was rewarded at last.

CHAPTER XXIII.
LADY RYLESTONE had given up all hope; she had resigned herself to going away from Walton Court, knowing no more than when she had come, when suddenly a few words from the housekeeper produced a marvelous change in her ideas.

They had arrived at the end of the long range of conservatories and Mrs. Grame showed her visitor a shorter road through the park, one which would bring her much more quickly to the gate. Lady Rylestone looked round to impress the picture more firmly on her mind.

'Years will roll by,' she said, impulsively, 'and no change will come here.'

'I do not think so,' rejoined Mrs. Grame; 'we shall have a change here soon, I expect.'

'What will that be?' inquired Lady Rylestone, with polite deference.

'I have heard that Madame de Valmy is going back to France; and, if so, Miss Cameron will make some change, I suppose. She will marry, or find a new companion, or something of the kind.'

News of Mme. de Valmy had not much interest for the wife of Lord Rylestone. She repeated her adieus to Mrs. Grame, and taking the short path indicated, made the best of her way to the gates.

She had seen Walton. When she heard of it or read of it in the future, she could always recall the tall towers, the square towers, the grand mass of gray stone, the light graceful balconies, with their twisted pillars and radiant flowers. She could recall the gorgeous rooms, the broad corridors, the picture-gallery, the library. It was all engraved on her heart and brain; she could never forget.

But she had no clew to the secret. She was returning just as unhappy as she had come, her unhappiness increased by the fact that whatever the secret was, it lay buried between her husband and Miss Cameron. It was shared between them. She remembered now that Lord Rylestone had always spoken of Miss Cameron as though she were almost a stranger to him—that he had seen her only once or twice. How could that be, if they had a secret between them? The sharing of a secret betokened intimacy. Why should she have denied all intimacy? And yet she could not doubt him—she dared not. To doubt him would have been to lose all her faith, her hope, her love, her life—to doom herself to the most terrible despair; but she resolved more firmly than ever that she would find out what the secret was.

'Time will teach me how to do it,' she said to herself.

It was growing late in the evening when she reached Lutdale Station, and there was still some time to wait for the train. She was at first inclined to remain at the "Rylestone Arms" hotel, but the reason which deterred her was a prudential one.

'I could not stay there an evening with my veil down,' she said to herself; 'and it would not do for me to be seen, lest, when Allan brings me home, I should be recognized.'

She preferred waiting at the station to staying there; but she felt that she must have something with which to beguile the time and keep her from thinking, or she should go mad. She went to the book stall, took up a novel, and looked through some of the pages. It seemed very interesting, and she purchased it. Perhaps, after all, the turning-point of her life was the reading of that story.

She soon became fascinated by it. The heroine seemed to her one of the most charming creations she had ever met with. She read the opening chapters of the book during the first stage of her return journey, and then the light in the railway carriage grew too dim; she could not see to continue reading until she reached Faverley, from which station she would go direct to Marpath.

The night had grown dark then, and Lady Rylestone went into the waiting room, intending to read there until the train into which she had to change should arrive. She soon became absorbed in the fascinating pages. Suddenly with a low cry—a cry that died away on her trembling lips—she laid down the book. A great, almost terrible idea had occurred to her. The heroine of the novel, wanting to see a certain will, found admittance by stratagem into the house where it was kept. The idea that came to Margarita Rylestone was that she should do the same. Better anything than ignorance and suspense.

What a heroine in fiction did surely a woman in real life could imitate—could and would. She could go to Walton Court, and when there she could by some means or other see the will. It would be kept there—either the will or a copy. She remembered to have seen in the library a peculiar oak chest; it was curiously carved, and she had no doubt but that it was the receptacle for all private papers. If she could reside in the house for a time, and get the key, all would be well.

But how was she to gain admittance? She would find out a way; and the scheme would require thinking over, planning, but she would accomplish it in the end. Then she opened her book and tried to read again, but she could not—a burning fever had seized her mind; she could not rest, for it was consuming her. She closed the book, and went out on to the platform—that was better than the four walls of a room. She could pace up and down with rapid steps, without any one thinking it strange.

Over and over again, until the words sickened her with their burning repetition, she said, 'I must live at Walton, and find means to read the will; and the thought was repeated in the throbbing of the steam-engine, the rush and whirl of the train. No matter what people said or porters shouted, she heard only the words, I must live at Walton, and find means to read the will.'

When the first feverish flush of the thought had died away, an idea came to her of how she could secure her end.

Mrs. Grame had announced that Mme. de Valmy was going back to France; and, from what Lord Rylestone had said, Margarita knew quite well that Mme. de Valmy was Miss Cameron's chaperon and companion. What was to prevent her from obtaining the situation of companion to Miss Cameron?

The magnitude of the idea at first appalled her, but by slow degrees she accustomed herself to it. People looked at her in wonder. She passed with rapid steps up and down the platform, her beautiful face so rapt, so intent, that she neither saw nor heard what was passing around her. She started back like one frightened when a porter came up to her and said—

'You wanted the train for Marpath, ma'am; it is due now.'

She looked at him with such dazed eyes that the man grew half afraid.

'There is something wrong about her,' he thought, as he walked away.

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The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 24, 1888.

ABOUT THE BAIT ACT.

More of the Party's Selfishness.

AN INSPIRED MISREPRESENTATION OF FACTS.

The Montreal Gazette of the 1st ultimo contains a letter from its Newfoundland correspondent, of such a grossly-misleading tone and tendency as to call for a few words of comment. Perhaps all our readers are not aware that the gentleman who represents that paper here is the clerical editor of the Mercury. Such, however, we know to be the case, from correspondence and other evidence now in our possession.

This being so, then, it will not be hard to assume that some, at least, of our contemporary's statements are inspired by the Government, in whose service he always manages to find remunerative employment of some sort or other. One paragraph of the letter in question refers to the Bait Bill, and to this we shall direct our attention to-day, leaving his bitter and malicious remarks on the recent Government libel suit against the TELEGRAM, and other equally venomous and untruthful "pronouncements," for a subsequent issue. He (the Gazette's correspondent) says:—"The intelligent and respectable portion of the inhabitants of Fortune Bay are heartily glad that the catching and carrying of bait to the French is to be stopped." This assertion we have no hesitation in characterizing as a deliberate and wilful falsehood. No one knows better than the said correspondent that all classes of the people of Fortune Bay are opposed to the Bait Act. He cannot be ignorant of the fact that last year a petition against the measure, signed by almost every intelligent man in Fortune Bay, was sent on here from that district, to be forwarded to the Imperial authorities. Nor can he deny that he has read Mr. Bond's speeches on the subject in the House of Assembly, together with numerous well-authenticated letters from his (Mr. B.'s) constituents endorsing and emphasizing his conduct in respect to the ill-advised Act.

The Gazette's correspondent, we contend, cannot plead ignorance to all or any of the foregoing facts, and yet he calmly sits down and pens the statement, for a prominent Canadian newspaper, that "the intelligent and respectable portion of the inhabitants of Fortune Bay are heartily glad that the catching and carrying of bait to the French is to be stopped." What shall we say of such an untruthful writer? Is his conduct in keeping with the vows he took on the occasion of his ordination to the sacred ministry? Not much. Is he a credit to the community in which he resides? Well, hardly. Is it any wonder that he takes so kindly to his congenial occupation of abusing the TELEGRAM and venomously attacking private citizens? We don't think it is.

In another part of his paragraph on the Bait Bill the reverend correspondent writes:—"Our Government are preparing to enforce the act vigorously next year. Not to do so would be an act of imbecility. Steamers will be placed on the coast to prevent smuggling of bait, and there will be strict regulations in the Customs." That sentence is inspired we have no doubt whatever. It bears the impress of inspiration on the very face of it.

"Steamers will be placed on the coast," &c. &c. Yes, that's just it. The Bait Act is to be a big job for a few politico-mercantile monopolists. In other words, the people of Newfoundland in general, and the inhabitants of Fortune Bay in particular, must suffer because the Premier and a few of his friends have two or three old steamers whose occupation at the seal-fishery is gone, and because they want to get employment for them at the expense of the tax-paying fisherman and the public treasury. Already, we believe, the matter of a subsidy to the proprietors of said old steamers has been discussed by members of the Executive, and we shouldn't be surprised to find two or three of these "ancient hulks" haunting the West Coast, like phantom ships, next summer, and scaring the finny tribes from their accustomed resorts and trying places along the shore, out into deep water.

The other day a West Coast correspondent informed us that the people of Fortune Bay were organizing and making other preparations with a view to resist the enforcement of the Bait Act. Now, we would suggest that all the districts, north and west, organize at once, not only to resist the obnoxious measure mentioned, but, primarily, to resist the present universally-obnoxious Government. It is absurd to expect anything but obnoxious measures from the men who now direct the public affairs of this monopoly-cursed colony. A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit! Obviously, then, our only remedy for existing evils is a change of Administration. We want

honest, competent men in office. Otherwise things will go on from bad to worse, until the "dark demon of Ruin"—as Carlyle calls it—shall erect his throne in the market place and grin at our bankrupt traders and bare-armed laborers as they drag their emaciated limbs through the almost deserted streets, looking in vain for the wherewithal to prevent body and soul from bidding farewell to each other forever.

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

PROFESSOR BLACKIE of Edinburgh never opens his mouth but he says something, and that something, though often whimsical, is always broad and good. On Sunday, the 4th ultimo, he delivered a lecture in St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, on "Christian Unity." After devotional exercises had been conducted Professor Blackie ascended into the pulpit. He said that he would speak about three words—unity, uniformity and union. He had not chosen a text, as he was not asked to preach a sermon, but to deliver a lecture; and he would therefore give them a philosophical and theological discourse. After defining unity as oneness, the lecturer remarked that the complete likeness in a number of combined units of the same composition and character was called uniformity or sameness. This occurred very rarely in nature, and always less and less as the range of creative energy rose. The sky-terrier—(laughter)—and the St. Bernard were of the same type, but of a different variety. The Englishman was proud and dignified; the Scotchman was thoughtful, sober-minded, sensible—(laughter)—the Irishman was lively and humorous, the Frenchman vain and wicked—(renewed laughter)—the German was serious, thoughtful, systematic and speculative. In religion they found the same variety. The Episcopalians had too much the religion of the clerical gentlemanship. Their form of prayers caused humdrum and routine, and there was nothing more tame than the Episcopal preaching. (Laughter.) Don't laugh at that. The same thing occurred in the Presbyteries. They preached right into the prayers, and were sometimes preaching when they ought to have been praying to Almighty God. (Laughter.) A good thundering sermon once a fortnight would be much better than one once a week from those who could not preach. (Laughter.) The fact was that a man preached two sermons a week, when one would be far too much for his brains. (Laughter.)

As to the question of union and co-operation among Christian churches, the Professor said he would abolish no church. Union was not uniformity, Christian churches ought to cooperate in the "unity of the spirit." Christian men were bound to interchange pulpits; secondly, they were bound to sit down together at the Holy Communion; thirdly, they were bound to administer baptism indiscriminately for Christian parents; fourthly, they were bound to work together in all missionary schemes for evangelising the heathen; fifthly, they were bound to take part heartily in all social movements having a tendency to promote the happiness and to elevate the tone of their human brethren; and sixthly, they were bound to cultivate in every possible way the society of those of antagonistic persuasions. Now, he thought that was a bit of a sermon. (Laughter.) Why these things were not done was one of three reasons—either from official self-glorification in the shape of an exclusive priesthood; or, again, it resulted from a weakness of intellect and narrowness of view which prevented their distinguishing the essential from the accidental forms that Christianity had assumed; or, again, it might proceed from some moral weakness or corrupt motive, such as vanity, self-conceit, or it might be from a worship of form and fashion. In concluding, Professor Blackie read several passages from the New Testament bearing on the subject of his lecture.

JUDGE PROWSE AND CITIZENS KEAN AND FOGARTY.

A Claim that was Previously Settled.

THE only case of note in the Magistrates Court to-day was one between Mr. Owen Kean and Mr. Joseph Fogarty. Seven dollars and eighty cents was the bone of contention between them, and how it happened that they should relegate the settlement of such a paltry difference to Police Justice Prowse, considering that they are near neighbors, good friends and usually drink each other's health on Shelah's Day, it would be difficult to determine. The plaintiff, too, occupied one of Mr. Fogarty's houses in Adelaide Street and always found him a good landlord, as the defendant had always found Mr. Kean a good tenant. When the latter left he paid his rent—£22 10s. per half year—in right shape to defendant, and the latter says that the settlement at that time wiped off all scores between them, including the amount now sued for. His Worship took that view of the case, and thought it was pretty ticklish to decide as between two such litigants, yet the "law of probabilities" (Justice Prowse is a great stickler for the "law of probabilities") favored defendant that the claim was previously satisfied. He added that "he felt he never gave a more equitable judgment in his life," which is saying a great deal.

The Present State of Newfoundland

CONFEDERATION.

OUR TRADE.

Great as are the defects of our trade system, they do not depend entirely upon the merchant, but chiefly on the nature of our produce and the peculiar occupation of the people. The whole trade is precarious—it is a lottery in which there are many blanks, and it is hard to insist upon any rule for it except what guides the science of chance. The merchants are undoubtedly the most important body of our community, and in the circumstances in which they are placed, have, as a body, done their part fairly and honourably enough. Profit is the very life, the first cause and final end of the business they are embarked in; but while regarding that keenly, they have certainly done more for the people and the country than any other set of men in the community—besides the benefit that results from their business transactions, they are ever found foremost among contributors to works of charity and civilization. To them, then, I appeal as the true arbiters of the question of Confederation from the point of view of trade—Do they believe that the Union of this Colony with Canada will injure them or their dependents? What one advantage they now possess can be wrested from them by Union with Canada? What project they may contemplate can be frustrated, what course they may choose to take can be checked, by the interference of the Dominion Government? Must not our trade, on the contrary, like that of all other countries known to history, be improved by extension of dominion, by a free influx of all the commodities by which trade is sustained, by an intelligent and careful examination of the channels towards which it should be directed, and by those guarantees of wealth and power which alone can protect its honor and secure its success? Under Confederation nations will open their markets cheerfully to us which would hardly trust us at present, and inter-commercial treaties will be available from which now we are precluded. To prove this I have but to instance two facts—the one that Confederation, besides giving us a market duty free in Canada for our produce, and free importation of all commodities from any part of the Dominion we may choose to trade with—besides all this, will ensure for us a benefit of Reciprocity of trade with the United States, a benefit we are now deprived of, and not likely to regain if we remain in isolation and obscurity. It won't pay for large countries to be entering into inter-commercial treaties with petty communities, especially such as this which has but one species of produce; and the reason is that such petty communities must export to their rich neighbors who need make no concessions to them such as are always contained in Reciprocity treaties. Canada can exist without the States, and the States without Canada, but Newfoundland cannot exist one instant without dependence on food-producing countries, so the sooner she becomes part of such a country the better for herself; and unless her legislators and her people set to work to force from her soil all they require for food, and conjure up somehow fleecy herds and busy factories to supply them with clothing, unless they can do this (and I admit it were better than Confederation or anything else) all bluster about independence and our liberties is simply ridiculous. The second fact that shews how our trade would improve under Union is drawn from the visit of a Canadian Commission to the Brazils and West Indies a few years ago. We were not represented on that commission, though its object, as shown by the very report of the Canadians, was incomparably more important to us than to any Province of North America. Magnificent concessions were made by the Southern Empire and the Colonies to Canada, brilliant prospects of trade were opened up, concessions and prospects that would since have more largely benefitted Newfoundland, whose name made such a figure in the report, if she had been Canada or a part of Canada, as she will become by Confederation. I have no time to refer accurately to the report, but it is in the hands of most of our leading citizens, and it proves that Canada is prepared to exert intelligence and expend money (what we could not do) for the encouragement and extension of her mercantile interests.

(Concluded to-morrow.)

PROGRESS OF THE BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The billiard tournament between cues representing the Metropolitan and the Academia Clubs was continued last evening on the table of the former, between Mr. Arthur Hiscock for the Mets, and Mr. Thomas Edens for the Academia, the game being a closely contested one, Mr. Hiscock, however, scoring one ahead of his adversary at the close. So far, there is only the trifling difference of 13 points between both sides, but there yet remain six pairs of cues to play off before the final issue is determined.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of the St. John's Athenaeum.

THE committee of the St. John's Athenaeum, in reporting the result of the operations and condition of the society, regret that they cannot present a favorable record for the past year.

For the past few years the committee has, in its Annual Report, been compelled to draw attention to the constantly decreasing interest exhibited by the public in the fortunes of the one general literary institute of the city. The St. John's Athenaeum has now, for the first time for many years, to contemplate the fact that the receipts for 1887 did not meet the expenditure by £48. The causes of this condition of affairs may be sought for in a variety of circumstances. The establishment of various associations, having a mixed literary and social scope, without the wide and more liberal objects at which this society aims, has largely trespassed on our domain. The cheapness of general literature, brought about by American printed reproductions of the best British authors, has been a secondary cause, which, together with the listlessness and indifference to the efforts of our most talented lecturers, accounts for the deficiency in our exchequer. That deficiency can be better understood by a perusal of the following figures shewing the receipts for lectures and entertainments for the past several years, viz.:

1882.....	£123 19 9
1883.....	92 12 10
1884.....	75 18 1
1885.....	43 13 7
1886.....	88 15 6

1887, £30 10s. 4d. was the nett result of the course. From the Lecture Course alone, which had on its platform the most distinguished talent, lay and clerical, that the city can boast of, the nett earnings were only five pounds.

The gross income for the past year has been much below that of former years, as will be seen by a comparison of the receipts, which in 1886 gave..... £541 11 0
" expenditure..... 529 19 4
against the receipt of

In 1887.....	£440 0 3
Expenditure.....	472 9 9

leaving a balance against the Institute for the year of £32 9s. 6d. The subscription list to the Reading Room and Library has also been reduced from 339 in 1886 to 293 in 1887. The latter item betrays a greater danger to the stability of the Institution than even the decline in the receipts for the Lecture Course, which depend somewhat on weather and rivalry of entertainment.

Upon a review of these circumstances your committee would venture to suggest, as a subject for deliberate consideration, whether it might be advisable to still further relax, without injury to its usefulness, the literary tone of the Institution, so as to bring it more in accordance with the tastes developed and sustained by its more distinctly social and less strictly literary competitors. Failing such alterations in its constitution, the question suggests itself how far the Athenaeum would be justified in contending with the enormous expenditure which it is forced to bear, paying, as it does, to the Athenaeum Joint Stock Company for its lodgment in the building £220 a year, as will be seen by the following items:—

Rent of Library Reading Room.....	£145 0 0
Coal.....	32 14 6
Salary of Keeper.....	12 10 0
Rent of Hall.....	30 0 0
	£220 4 6

Your committee do not feel warranted in recommending any radical change, but merely take the liberty of suggesting the subject for the consideration of the Society. In this connection the committee entertain high hopes for the success of the coming course of lectures and entertainments, relying on the fact, of which they feel flattered, that His Excellency Governor Blake has consented to open the series by a lecture on the 30th instant. His Excellency's literary reputation, of which the world of letters has already had a proof, apart from the dignity of his exalted position in this colony, will be certain to secure a liberal patronage for our lecture hall this season.

The committee have to thank the following gentlemen for their talented services on the lecture platform in aid of the society, viz.: Hon. Mr. Justice Pinsent, D.C.L., Dr. Tait, Dr. Rendell, Rev. W. S. Lalor, Rev. Mr. Currie, and Thomas McDowell, Esq., B.A.; and we also tender the thanks of the institution to those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly and generously lent their talents and time in the entertainments.

The committee have to record with deep regret the death, during the past year, of Wm. Boyd, Esq. Mr. Boyd was one of the original founders of the Athenaeum, and his connection with the society terminated only with his death; and the want created by the loss of his experience and ability in the management of its business will be very difficult to fill.

In conclusion, we earnestly recommend the condition of the association to the thoughtful consideration of its subscribers and support-

ers, believing that nothing but a vigorous and enlightened patronage will maintain, in its efficiency, the oldest and most meritorious institution of which the colony can boast.

The accounts for the year 1887 have been duly audited and are herewith submitted.

Respectfully,
CHAS. BOWRING, President,
J. J. FLANNERY, Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas Mitchell and seconded by Mr. J. R. McCowen, that the above report be adopted.

The following officers were then elected to serve for the ensuing year:—President, Hon. Charles Bowring; Vice-Presidents, Hon. M. Monroe, James Baird, Esq.; Secretary, J. J. Flannery, Esq., B.L.; Committee, Hon. J. S. Pitts, Col. Fawcett, G. H. Emerson, Esq., B.L., James Furlong, Esq., John Pye, Esq., Dr. Rendell, M. H. Carty, Esq., B.L., W. D. Halley, Esq., Thomas Mitchell, Esq., Jno. McDougall, Esq., Richard Neyle, Esq.

Quick Passage of the "Adamantine."

THE barquentine Adamantine, Capt. Clarke, arrived at half-past five o'clock this morning to Messrs. Bowring Brothers, from New York, having made the run in less than seven days and a half. This is, so far as we remember, the fastest winter passage by a sailing vessel, and is all the more remarkable from the fact of the ship being detained off the port of departure, by an easterly wind, for three days; so that her free running time was four and a half days. She got the wind at last from the N.N.W., and it "drove her here like fun." The Adamantine is an iron ship, and shews the effect of the present frosty spell in being thickly iced up.

MISSIONARY MEETING AT TOPSAIL.

A MORE than ordinarily interesting missionary meeting will be held in the Methodist Church at Topsail to-morrow evening. Rev. M. Fenwick, the pastor, has thoughtfully arranged for the accommodation of his numerous city friends, a large number of whom have made up their minds to be present. At 4 p.m. a special train will leave the depot for Topsail, and at the close of the meeting the train will start for home. Tea, for the nominal sum of 30 cents, will await all who wish to partake thereof at the Mission House.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

THE harbor here froze over last night for the first time this season; the thermometer marking 3 degrees above.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"No Sneak"—Your letter respecting the escape of Whelan and that incident at the annual meeting of the Athenaeum last evening has been received. But we must decline giving it publicity because of its intensely personal and sectarian tone. You are right in saying that "those who patronize the Athenaeum should be above such reprehensible acts." But what can you do when they are not? That's the question.

AN amateur minstrel troupe have been agreeably entertaining the citizens of Harbor Grace, as we notice by the Standard, with negro farces, songs, break-downs, piano-forte performances, the execution of the programme, and especially the acting of some members of the troupe, being spoken of as uncommonly fine—so much so that the town is awaiting a repetition of the treat with considerable interest. The title rôles on the programme are suggestive of droll comicities, and most agreeable is it to observe that the energies of young Harbor Grace are directed in channels that, as the "Mikado" would observe, are "a source of innocent merriment to all."

THERE was very little speech-making at the annual meeting of subscribers to the Athenaeum, last evening, owing, no doubt, to various causes. Even the "presiding officer's" oration was away behind previous efforts of the kind. Some eloquent speaking, it is said, was done before the meeting took place and after; but, of course that's, only natural on such occasions. The attendance was small—only about twenty-six or twenty-eight persons being present, the result being that the officers and most of the committee for the past year were re-elected. The President—Hon. Charles Bowring—was absent in consequence of an "unavoidable indisposition," but we are delighted to hear that the honorable gentleman had sufficiently recovered by noon to-day to be able to attend the one-o'clock meeting in the Commercial Rooms. The Secretary's report reveals the unpleasant fact that the financial affairs of the institution are not in an entirely satisfactory condition. It is hoped, however, that the current year will prove a prosperous one, and that, at its close, the affairs of the Athenaeum will wear a more encouraging aspect.

BIRTH.

On Friday last, the wife of Thomas Brennock, Goulds road, of a daughter.

HIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

LOADING.
Jan'y 18—Carpasian, Brazil, W. Griève & Co.
18—Hebe, Brazil, Baine, Johnston & Co.
19—Lillian, Europe, Job, Bros & Co.
20—Fanny, Brazil, Job, Bros & Co.
Helen Isabel, Brazil, Baine, Johnston & Co.
21—Prince LeBoo, Liverpool, J. Murray.