

By Telegraph

CHINA SHAKEN.

Whole Towns Literally Obliterated.
THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST.
Another Very Destructive Cyclone.
DISASTROUS FIRE IN PROVIDENCE.
The Milton Memorial Ceremony
SPECIAL SERMON BY CANON FARRAR

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

SHANGHAI, Yesterday.
A terrific earthquake has occurred in the province of Yunnan, involving the most disastrous consequences to life and property. According to latest accounts, which do not contain particulars, whole towns have been literally obliterated and thousands of lives lost.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., This Afternoon.

Another awful cyclone swept over this part of the state yesterday, leaving destruction and death in its wake everywhere. So far as can be ascertained seven hundred houses have been demolished, forty persons killed, and large numbers badly wounded. I am furnishing particulars by mail.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., This Afternoon.

Property valued at more than a quarter of a million dollars was destroyed by fire here yesterday. To-day only blackened ruins mark the place where a large number of enterprising business houses stood on Saturday.

LONDON, This Afternoon.

Canon Farrar preached a special sermon at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, yesterday, in connection with the unveiling, on Saturday, of the Milton memorial, presented by George W. Child's of Philadelphia.

Tupper and the Treaty.

PRIVATE INTERVIEW WITH CLEVELAND.

The President's Assuring Sentiments.
SOME PARTICULARS OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

Condition of the Crown Prince.
TERRIBLE DISASTER IN CHINA.

Britain Promises to Defend Italy.

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 20.

Tupper says the treaty will be laid before the Canadian Parliament on the earliest possible moment. The United States Senate will give it immediate publicity. Tupper had a private interview with Cleveland before leaving Washington. Cleveland believed the treaty settled all causes of irritation respecting the fisheries. A Washington despatch says the treaty gives Canada exclusive jurisdiction within a marine league of the shore in all bays ten miles wide or under. The survey of the coasts has been provided for, and the purchase of bait forbidden. Americans may buy all supplies except bait. The Washington Government promises to strive to induce Congress to grant the free entry of Canadian fish, coal and lumber. An Ottawa despatch denies the accuracy of the Washington version. The Crown Prince's condition is extremely serious.

An earthquake has occurred in the province of Yunnan, China, and two thousand persons killed.

Salisbury promises that, should Italy be attacked, the English fleet will protect the Italian coasts.

Preserve your precious eyesight from the effects of sun and snow, by procuring a pair of smoked or Colored Glasses, at
N. OHMAN'S, Atlantic Hotel Building.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction—mess pork.....John T. Gillard
Auction—beef, apples, etc.....Dryer & Greene
Auction—butter, jowls, etc.....James Hynes
Auction—fancy goods.....J. B. Curran & Co
Auction—groceries, etc.....T. W. Spry
Hay, beef, etc.....J. & W. Pitts
Canada butter.....Ayre & Sons
Cheap jams.....at Parnell's
Grain leather.....J. & W. Pitts
Shareholders' meeting.....Electric Light Co
Prohibition meeting.....Old Temperance Hall
Annual tea meeting.....Congregational Church
Business stand for sale.....T. W. Spry
Spectacles.....N. Ohman
General meeting.....Agricultural Society
Athenæum concert.....Postponed

"JUSTICE"

is the name of a New Soap, which is put up in bars weighing 16 ozs. full weight. It is the only wrapped soap on the market that is perfumed and weighs a pound. It is warranted perfectly pure, and will heal sore hands, as it contains a large proportion of glycerine. It is the best soap in the world for all cleansing purposes—laundry, toilet or bath. Ask your grocer for it. feb17,fp,tf

AUCTION SALES.

To-Morrow, TUESDAY, at 12 o'clock, at the Stables of the late

MRS. J. N. FINLAY,

1 HANDSOME LIGHT FOUR-WHEEL CARRIAGE—with lamps, nearly new, 1 handsome side sleigh, 1 long cart, 1 wheelbarrow, 1 saddle, 1 set carriage harness, 1 set cart harness, lot rugs, garden tools, fancy galvanized wire, etc., belonging to her Estate. feb20 JOHN S. SIMMS, Auctioneer.

To-Morrow, TUESDAY, at 11 o'clock,

By JAMES HYNES,

(At his Rooms, opposite Messrs. Job, Brothers & Co.)
20 Qtrs. BELLE ISLE BEEF, choice article,
20 QTRS. HALIFAX BEEF, 50 TUBS BUTTER, 5 bris heads, 5 bris jowls, 15 cheese, 25 boxes soap, 5 bris fresh codfish, 1 boat's sail, 1 anchor, 2 pieces chain. feb20
And at 12 o'clock—100 DOZEN CABBAGE. feb20

GRAND CLEARING SALE.

To-Morrow, TUESDAY, at 11 o'clock,

AT THE SHOP OF

MR. T. J. MURPHY,

(252 Water Street.)
We will sell the following Goods:
CRUETS, AUGERS, SCREW-DRIVERS, TEA-pots, lamps, coffee pots, brushes, skillets, frying-pans, coke burners, baskets, sives, whips, knockers, nails, trouting gear, carriage bolts, tartaric, jelly shapes, glue pots, axle pulleys, gridirons, bread boards, butter coolers, liquor stands, 1 invalid chair. feb20 JOHN B. CURRAN & Co., Auctioneers.

To-Morrow, TUESDAY, at 11 o'clock,

BY DRYER & GREENE,

40 Qtrs. Prime Fresh Beef,
30 Barrels Apples, 25 Chests
Oranges, 20 Cases Onions. feb20

WITHOUT RESERVE.

On THURSDAY next, at 12 o'clock,

HEARN & Cop's PREMISES,

HUNTER'S COVE,

150 bris Prime Mess Pork.

feb20 JOHN T. GILLARD, Auctioneer.

Very Valuable Brick Dwelling House,

(FREE-SIMPLE),

On Duckworth Street, to be Sold by Public Auction.

I AM AUTHORIZED TO OFFER FOR SALE BY Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of March, at 12 o'clock, on the premises, All that Valuable

BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, (Free-simple), situated on the South Side of Duckworth Street, adjoining the residence of J. B. Collins, and yielding a yearly rental of \$200. Supplied with water, sewerage and gas-fittings. This dwelling house being part of the Estate of the late John Collins, is ordered to be sold by request of Legatees. All particulars on application to
JAS. J. COLLINS, Notary Public
Office: 348 Duckworth St. And Real Estate Broker, opp. Fishermen & Sailors' Home.
or, JAMES R. COLLINS, Executor,
189 Duckworth Street. feb14,fp

A Public Meeting

in connection with the Prohibition League, will take place in the Old Temperance Hall, this MONDAY EVENING, at eight o'clock. Speakers:—Rev. Dr. Milligan, Rev. George Boyd, Rev. John Pratt, of Cupids, Dr. Tait, M.D., and John McDougall, Esq.

"SAVE THE BOYS."

Bring Sankey's Hymn Book. A Collection will be made at the close of the meeting to defray expenses.
J. J. ROGERSON, President. feb20,fp

The Annual Festival

of Cochrane Street Methodist Sabbath School will be held in the Basement, on THURSDAY EVENING next, 22d instant. A choice programme of SOLOS, DUETS and CHORUSES has been specially prepared. The Entertainment is expected to be superior to that of last year, which was a pronounced success. Tea will be on the tables at half-past six o'clock, sharp. A limited number of tickets have been issued, and may be had at 40 Cents each, on and after MONDAY MORNING, at the stores of G. S. Milligan, Jr., Mrs. Dickey, S. Woods, and S. March & Sons.
A. C. SKINNER, Secretary Committee. feb17,fp

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHEAP - JAMS - AT - PARNELL'S.

PLUM JAM	15 cents per lb.
RASPBERRY JAM	18 cents per lb.
STRAWBERRY JAM	18 cents per lb.
MARMALADE	12 cents per lb.
JAMS IN 1-lb. TINS	17 cents each.
PRUNES, FOR STEWING	10 cents per lb.

F. PARNELL,

131 WATER STREET.

Just Received, per S. S. "Newfoundland."

TURKEES—in splendid order, 20-cts. per lb.
HALIFAX SAUSAGES, BOLOGNA SAUSAGES.
BACON, HAM.
50 Doz Nova Scotia RABBITS—18-cts. per pair.
ALL IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION.

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

CANADIAN LAMB.

JUST RECEIVED, PER S.S. "NEWFOUNDLAND," AND FOR SALE BY

JAS. & WM. PITTS,

CHOICE CANADIAN LAMB

STANDARD - MARBLE - WORKS.



287 New Gower Street, St. John's, Nfld.

I invite the public to inspect my large and very excellent stock

Headstones, Monuments, Tombs, Mantelpieces, &c.,

At rates sufficiently reasonable to defy competition. I guarantee solid stock and the best of workmanship. Designs cheerfully furnished by letter or otherwise. Special reduction on all goods ordered during winter months.
JAMES MCINTYRE. feb20,fp

The London Guarantee & Accident Company,

OF LONDON, ENGLAND.

Authorized Capital - - - \$1,250,000.

HEAD OFFICE FOR NEWFOUNDLAND: 132 WATER STREET, ST. JOHN'S.
The Bonds of this Company are accepted as security by the Home, Australian, Canadian, Indian and Colonial Governments. Blank forms can be had, and rates and other particulars given, on application to
june9 T. W. SPRY, Agent for Newfoundland.

TO BE LET.

(With immediate possession.)
That comfortable & convenient
BRICK DWELLING HOUSE,
No 2 TASKER TERRACE, recently tenanted by the French Consul, Monsieur C. des Isles.

Also, with possession on 1st May next,
THE COMPACT DWELLING HOUSE,

In brick building, corner Duckworth Street and Beck's Cove, over the shop of Messrs. Fullerton & Mott; recently occupied by D. Patrick, Esq. For terms, etc., apply to
Feb10,fp JAMES MURRAY.

TURKEYS.

For Sale by Jas. & Wm. Pitts,

1 CASE TURKEYS,

Weight from 8 to 12 lbs., very prime, ex steamer
Feb8,fp "Newfoundland."

New Meadow Grass Hay!

Now Landing, ex "Viola" from Halifax,
1111 SMALLISH BUNDLES

Now Landing, ex "Viola" from Halifax,
1111 SMALLISH BUNDLES

Last season's growth, free from weeds, and just the thing for Horses and other cattle of superior breed. Only 6s. 6d. per hundred weight, or 26 10s. per ton, at BROOKING'S. feb9,fp JAMES MURRAY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Just Received, BY AYRE AND SONS

50 Tubs Choice Selected

CANADA BUTTER.

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LIGHT GRAIN LEATHER.

ON SALE BY

Jas. & Wm. Pitts,

67 SMALL ROLLS

LIGHT Grain LEATHER,

feb20 Ex "Newfoundland."

NOTICE!

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Shareholders in St. John's Electric Light Co., Limited, will be held at the Office of the Company, TOMORROW, (TUESDAY,) at 11 a. m., for the election of officers and other business. (By order.)
feb20,fp M. MONROE, Secretary.

NOTICE.

A General Meeting OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

— WILL BE HELD IN THE—

Court House, on Wednesday, 22nd inst.,

AT 12 O'CLOCK.

A full meeting is requested. feb20,fp

ATHENÆUM.

The Concert To-Night

feb20,fp IS POSTPONED.

Prime Fat Beef, Hay, &c.

Now landing, ex "Mary E. Bliss," from Halifax, and for sale by

JAS. & WM. PITTS,

897 bales Prime Hay.
72 qtrs Prime Fresh Beef.
2 casks Prime Fresh Beef
1 car. Prime Fresh Pork.

317 pieces Deal, 4 bris Corned Beef. feb20,fp

GREAT SALE OF DRY GOODS,

Groceries, Fancy Goods and Earth-ware, by Public Auction.

HAVING RECEIVED INSTRUCTION FROM the Executors of the estate of the late James McKay, to dispose of all the stock in trade belonging to the business carried on by the said late James McKay, at Water Street West and Springdale Street, I will offer for sale at public auction, on the premises, on Wednesday next, commencing at 11 o'clock, all the stock in trade, consisting of Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Earthenware, &c., &c. Purchasers are requested to take delivery of their goods immediately after sale.
feb20 T. W. SPRY.

THE ANNUAL TEA MEETING, in connection with the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

will be held in the basement of Church, Queen's Road,

On WEDNESDAY, Feb. 29th,

Tea on Tables at 6.30 p.m.

The Ladies have decided to cater themselves, and nothing has been left undone on the part of the committee to make it a grand success. Tickets 40 cts. each, to be had at the shops of Mrs. J. H. Martin, Mrs. Murray (West End), Mr. G. Langmead and J. H. Martin & Co., &c. Further particulars on application to
feb20,fp F. MARTIN, Sec. Com.

Valuable Business Stand For Sale, belonging to the Estate of the late Jas. McKay, Situate on Water Street West.

I AM INSTRUCTED BY THE EXECUTORS OF the estate of the late JAMES MCKAY, of St. John's, merchant, deceased, to offer for sale by private contract all the right, title and interest in and to that Dwelling House, Shop, Stores and premises situate corner of Water Street West and Springdale Street. The sum of \$1,600 was expended last year in improving the front shop. No expense need be incurred in improvements by anyone commencing business in the said premises as everything necessary has been done by the late proprietor. Term 14 years. Ground rent, \$14. Further particulars on application to
feb20 T. W. SPRY, Real Estate Broker.

WANTED: By a gentleman—THREE UNFURNISHED ROOMS, with board and attendance. Address—P. O. Box, 844. feb18,fp

Volunteer Movement

RECRUITS WANTED, IMMEDIATELY, TO MARCH AT ONCE AND CAPTURE the mighty host of BARGAINS lying in ambush at BRYDEN'S.
Don't fail to muster at once and seize this grand opportunity of supplying yourselves and families with good

Boots & Clothing.

We have only a limited time to clear out our Large and Varied Stock, therefore we have cut down our prices to suit each, and every one who will favor us with a call. **TERMS STRICTLY CASH.** feb18,21

Cook's TOURISTS' Tickets

EMBRACE EVERY POINT OF INTEREST TO TRAVELLERS AND TOURISTS. DO NOT COMPEL the holder to travel in parties, are available by any train, or any day, and in most cases are issued at a material reduction from ordinary rates.

Intending travellers and tourists will find it greatly to their advantage to call upon the undersigned before purchasing their tickets to any part of the world. For full particulars as to single journey and tourists' rates, apply to

GEORGE LEMESSURIER,

OFFICE: Opposite Commercial Bank, Duckworth Street. Agent Thomas Cook & Son. Post Office address, Box 572. feb6,1m,31p

Great Bargains in Blankets & Calicoes,

AT
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. The above goods are warranted to be from 15 to 20 per cent under regular prices. Full lines in every department at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES during the winter months. For useful and reliable goods, at lowest prices, our Establishment stands unrivalled.

NOTE—Canadian and American Silver taken in trade at former value.

January 20

WILLIAM FREW.

LIME. LIME.

A Great Boon to Farmers and Others.

THE SUBSCRIBER, WHILE RETURNING THANKS TO FARMERS AND OTHERS FOR THEIR patronage during the past summer, would beg to respectfully intimate that he is now prepared to make CONTRACTS with them for the coming season. LIME AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES. He will undertake to deliver, for agricultural purposes, on and after the First day of March next, at his LIME KILN, in Topsail, BEST ROACH LIME, at the exceedingly low price of—

Twenty Cents per bushel, or delivered by rail at the Rope Walk siding, or the Saint John's Depot at Twenty-five Cents per bushel.

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

January 30, 1m

John Score.

BUILDERS' SUPPLY STORE,

Water Street.

200 M. SEASONED PINE LUMBER,

1, 1 1/2, 2 and 3-inch.

January 13

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

The Newfoundland Consolidated Foundry Co., Limited,

—Beg to acquaint the public that they have now on hand a variety of—
Patterns for Grave & Garden Railings, & for Cresting of Houses,
and would invite inspection of same.

Orders left with us for either of the above will have our immediate attention.

June 1

J. ANGEL, Manager.

FOR SALE BY John S. Simms,

TWO TABLE PIANOS.

Candles, Candles

ON SALE BY

CLIFT, WOOD & CO.

—50 BOXES—

Morrill's Celebrated Mould Candles,

nov7 6's and 8's—25-lbs. per box. Ex "Pioneer."

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 kitchen gardens, tennis, lawn and plantation, approached from the Portugal Cove and Torbay Roads by a very pretty and well-planted avenue. The residence is entered through a porch and vestibule into inner hall, out of which are spacious drawing rooms, dining and breakfast rooms, shut off from the hall are excellent kitchen, scullery and servants' rooms, on the upper floor there are spacious bedrooms, dressing rooms, nursery, bath rooms and servants' bedrooms. The out-buildings include stabling for two horses, large coach house, harness rooms, and stabling for four cows, cart shed, etc. There is an excellent coachman's house distant about 200 yards from the main residence. For terms and particulars of title, apply to
T. W. SPRY, Real Estate Broker,
oct27

GOOD STORIES!

Ben-Hur	by Lew Wallace
Hope Campbell	by C. D. Bell
Mary Elliot	by C. D. Bell
Kenneth & Hugh	by E. Wetherall
The House in Town	by E. Wetherall
Pine Needles	by E. Wetherall
Little Camp on Eagle Hill	by E. Wetherall
Little Women	by Louisa M. Alcott
Little Wives	by S. & A. Warner
The Gold of Chikaree	by Alton Gray
Nettie's Mission	by W. M. L. Jay
Holden with the Cards	by the author of Queechy
The Old Helmet	by Susan Warner
Diana	by Susan Warner

nov8 **J. F. CHISHOLM.**

EGGS!

Ex s.s. "Bonavista,"

180 doz. P. E. I. Eggs.
dec16 **CLIFT, WOOD & Co.**

Xmas Numbers and New Books.

XMAS NUMBER OF THE QUEEN.
Xmas Number of Myra's Journal.
Myra's Diary for 1888.
Routledge's Year Book for 1887 and Almanac for 1888
Ainsley's Nautical Almanac for 1888.
The Queen Illustrated Almanac for 1888.
Belgravia's Xmas Annual.
Children of Babylon, (Judy's Annual).
Les Miserables, by Victor Hugo.
The Mysteries of Paris, by Eugene Sue.
The Young Ladies' Journal for January 1888.
dec16 **J. F. CHISHOLM.**

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Special arrangements made for three, six or twelve months.

The Evening Telegram

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 20, 1888.

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All communications intended for publication or containing intelligence, must be addressed to ALEX. A. FARNSWORTH, Editor.

Walton Court;

OR—
ADELAIDE CAMERON'S "SHADOW LOVE."

By the Author of Dora Thorne.
CHAPTER XLIII.
(Continued.)

She stepped out into the corridor, and closed her door. She clasped her hands for one minute, as though asking help from Heaven, and then, noiselessly and quietly, in the darkness she made her way down the stairs. Careful as she was—lightly as she stepped—the stairs creaked, and the sound brought to her a fright as terrible almost as death.

Once she stood still for some minutes, unable to move; in the far distance she fancied she heard a sound like the opening of a door. She listened, but all was silent again.

She believed she was doing right; yet, when she reached the hall and stood for some minutes to collect her failing strength, she said to herself that not to win the whole world would she do the like again. As she stood, silent and motionless, in the darkness, she heard another sound as of some one passing stealthily along the upper gallery. She listened, and then said, 'No; it must be the trees rustling in the wind outside.'

After some minutes she went to the library door and opened it. The room was in impenetrable darkness. There was not even the faintest ray of moonlight. In the darkness she made the mistake that proved so fatal to her. She closed the door and locked it, as she believed, but in reality she turned the lock while the door was still open. Going up to the other end of the long room, where the iron safe was buried in the wall, she struck a light. It did not occur to her to go back and see if she had made the door secure. The light of the taper, so faint and feeble, in that long room, only seemed to make the darkness more profound; it made such terrible shadows in the corners; it shone, too, on her face—a face so white with fear as hardly to be human.

'How I love you, Allan,' she said, 'to dare even for your sake, to do this!'

And then she placed the taper on the floor and began her search. The iron safe was a fixture; it had been built, as it were, in the wall, and the outer part of it was so like the wall that few could have detected the difference. All documents of value, the family jewels, and very often a large sum of money were kept in the safe. Margarita knew this, she had seen Adelaide open the safe and take money from it, more than once they had spoken of the jewel cases there. She knew exactly how to manage; she drew aside the outer panel, and uncovered the iron door of the safe. She produced the key, and the next moment the receptacle was open. She gave a great gasping sigh then, one of unutterable relief; the secret of the will would not be much longer a secret to her.

She took out the great rolls of paper, then the numerous jewel cases, laying them carefully on the floor, then the rolls of bank notes and bags of gold. She placed them all on the floor. Her trembling hands held the will at last, and another gasping sigh came from her lips.

'The Last Will and Testament of Bernard, Baron of Rylestone.' She took it out of the safe, and crouched down on the floor that she might read it by the taper's dim light.

She read on, and presently the dawn of a great horror came into her eyes, her face growing vivid in its anguish. She knew the secret of the will at last. She read that the vast fortune—the fortune which would have enabled Allan to live at Walton Court, and to have held his own with the magnates of the land—would have been his if he had married Adelaide Cameron. She was so stunned, so dazed, so bewildered, that at first she did not,

she could not think. She could only read and re-read those fatal words; and then, with a sudden impulse of passionate despair, she flung the will into the depths of the iron safe, and crouched with her face in her hands on the floor.

How long she lay there she did not know; life, hope, love, were all over for her; the bitterness of death was on her. She knew the secret at last, and it burned her heart, it distressed her soul, it gave her torture of which she as yet had never dreamed.

She knew not what Allan's love for her had cost him. She understood all the mystery—why he so seldom spoke to her of Miss Cameron, and what they meant by speaking as they had of the will. She saw that she had come between him and his fortune—that through his love for her he was in poverty and exile. In her anguish and despair she took a morbid view of everything. She forgot how dearly he loved her, and that his love made her life bright and happy. She only remembered that if he had never seen her he would never have lost his fortune. She had always dreaded standing in his light, and now she found out that she had done so. She remembered how Adelaide loved him, and she believed that she had been like a curse to him, that she had dragged him down from the height on which he should stand, that she was a burden to him, from which death alone could free him.

She was jealous, despairing, half mad; she forgot that he had prayed for her love as he would never pray for anything else; she only remembered his sorrow on the day that he came to tell her his story. She fancied she could see it all now. He had asked her to be his wife, and because he was a man of honor he would not go back from his word; but she did not doubt now that, if he could have freed himself from his promise, he would have done so, and would have married Lord Rylestone's heiress. She had no right to think so, because she had no cause; Allan would not have resigned her for twenty fortunes—not for the whole world—but in the bitterness of her knowledge she thought that he would have done so.

She had thought of many things which might form the secret of the will, but she had not even dreamed of anything approaching the truth. As she lay there, bewildered, half mad with the smart of her pain, the only wish that came to her was for death.

'If I might but die!' she moaned.

It was a hard trial for a sensitive woman to bear. She had meant her love to crown him—to make his whole life bright. She had given him her proud young beauty, her fair womanhood, her passionate love; and these gifts, which she had intended to crown him, had simply plunged him into the depths. 'He must hate me,' she said to herself; 'although he is too noble and generous to show it, he must hate me, for I have clouded his life with poverty. I have stood between him and fortune. The best thing for me would be to die and set him free. If I were dead, he could marry her, and then the evil would be undone. Oh, my love, I have ruined you! I have ruined you!' she repeated; and then words seemed to fail her—the over-wrought brain grew confused, the over-strained nerves relaxed.

She was unconscious for some few minutes, and then a strange light flashed over her and she heard strange sounds. She raised her head, and saw Mr. Beale and Mrs. Grame standing looking at her.

'You crafty thief!' cried the housekeeper. 'So this is what you wanted my lady's keys for! I mistrusted you from the first.'

Mr. Beale took Margarita by the arm, but he started back when she raised her face to his; it was the face of a woman dazed by some terrible grief—not that of a thief caught in the very act of plunder. If she had had the copy of the will in her hands—if it had been anywhere near—perhaps he might have had some faint glimmer of the truth, but she, in the first paroxysm of despair, had flung it back into the safe, and there was nothing near her but jewel-cases and money.

'What can have possessed you to do this,' cried Mr. Beale, 'you most unhappy woman? Bewildered and dazed as she was, she saw it all. They thought that she was stealing—that she was there for the purpose of taking the miserable money! While she half knelt there on the floor, Mrs. Grame watching her with scornful eyes, the lawyer's puzzled and vexed, she thought it all over.

Should she clear herself? Should she tell them not to dare to touch her, for she whom they believed to be a thief was Lord Rylestone's wife?
(to be continued.)

MAGAZINES AND NEW BOOKS.

FEBRUARY NOS. OF FAMILY HERALD, WELDON'S Ladies' Journal, Harper's Magazine, London Journal, and other Magazines.
Norie's Epitome of Navigation. Admiralty Nautical Almanac for 1888. Whittaker's Almanac, with supplement, for 1888. McGregor's Nautical Almanac for 1888. The Churchman's Almanac for 1888.
The Christian Age Vol. All the Year Round Vol. Punch Vol. XCIII. The Golden Library, various vols. 10-cs. each. The Fair God, by Lew Wallace, cloth and paper covers. Beadle's Dime Dialogues, Nos. 1 to 31, at 10-cents each.
feb18 **J. F. CHISHOLM.**

Butter :- Butter.

Now landing, ex s.s. "Newfoundland,"
50 tubs choice CREAMERY BUTTER,
A choice article.
feb17 **P. & L. TESSIER.**

ON SALE BY
P. & L. Tessier
50 barrels
LONDON CEMENT,
feb17 **\$3.20 per brl.**

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY APPLES.

FOR SALE BY
CLIFT, WOOD & CO.,
50 barrels selected
Choice Winter APPLES.
These apples are of very superior quality, barrels being marked A. S. Harris.
feb17

FRESH CODFISH

Just Received, per S.S. "Curlew,"
At the City Auction Sale-Rooms,
6 Brls. FRESH HERRING,
10cts. per dozen.
6 Brls. Choice Fresh CODFISH,
Carefully packed in ice.
feb15 **J. B. CURRAN & Co.**

FOR SALE, CHEAP,

(If applied for immediately.)

A Boiler & Engine

about 6 horsepower, in first class condition.

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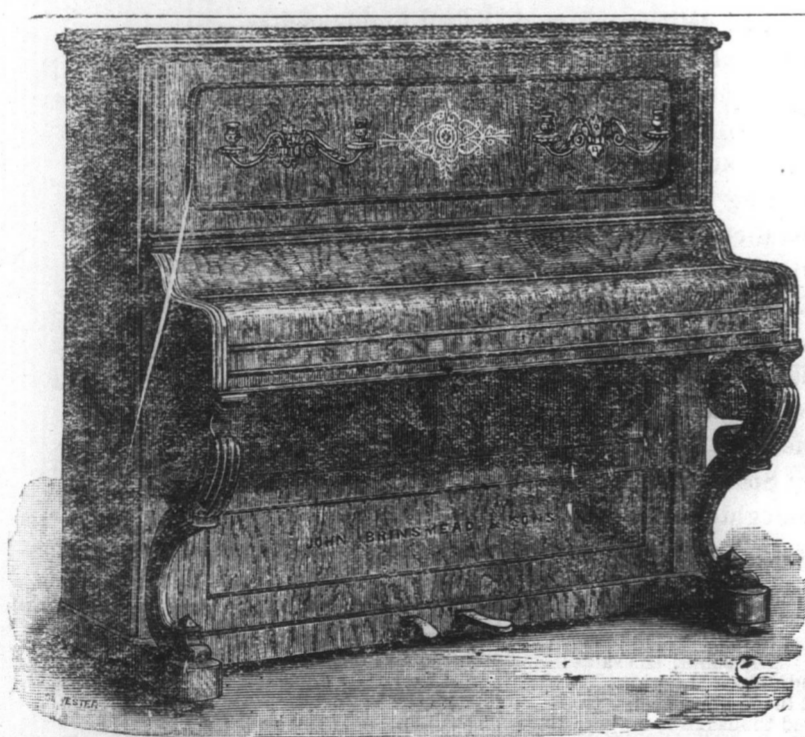
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Speech of the Hon. M. Monroe.

THURSDAY, February 16th.

Hon. M. MONROE said, after the able and exhaustive speech of the hon. mover of the address, it seemed almost unnecessary to make any remarks in supporting the motion. There were, however, a few points to which he desired to refer, so as to acquit his conscience of a duty which he felt it incumbent upon him to discharge. He fully concurred in the remarks of Hon. Mr. Rendell regarding His Excellency the Governor. It should be a matter of gratification to them all, and he was sure hon. gentlemen would agree with him, that it was creditable to the colony to have at the head of its affairs a gentleman of such marked ability and great experience. It cannot fail to be apparent to all who give attention to passing events that His Excellency, ever since his advent here, has taken a deep interest in its concerns, especially in those objects tending to the welfare of the colony and its people. He (Mr. M.) trusted His Excellency may be long spared to it, so that we may reap the fruit of his zeal and interest for its advancement. He regretted the speech before them does not present a more glowing picture of the state of the colony. The fishery on the shore and Labrador has, to a great extent, been a failure. For this loss we have some compensation in the success of the Bank fishery. But there is one thing to be considered in regard to this business: that is the enormous expense it entails as compared with that required in prosecuting the fisheries in days of old. No doubt the Bank fishery yields a bountiful harvest; but when the voyage is wound up, the balance to the credit of the account is often very small, while it is equally often large on the wrong side of the account. He felt bound to accord credit to the Government for their firm resistance to the clamor for able-bodied pauper relief to various districts of the colony. Had they but set their teeth as firmly against it the preceding year, the finances of the colony would have felt the benefit, and the people, most probably, would not have been any worse off. He should take the liberty of repeating, on this occasion, a view enunciated by him last session: that public work, in connection with pauperism, is a fallacy, because such work costs double the amount which it would under ordinary circumstances, while being demoralizing in the highest degree to the recipients. He should prefer to see pauperism dealt with as such, and that those really in need of food should receive it in the regular pauper channel, assuming thereby the consequences and disabilities of the act. When able-bodied men so far demoralized themselves as to solicit pauper relief, they disfranchised themselves by that voluntary act, and such persons being householders should be deprived of the power to bring pressure upon representatives of the districts by making it a lever to secure votes. The seal-fishery last season was short in produce and value. He trusted the Act passed last session will have the intended effect of protecting the breeding seals, and that when the days of sealing steamers, now manifestly numbered, shall have passed away, the colony will witness a return to the ancient order of things when two or three hundred trim, well equipped sealing vessels shall annually leave its ports for the icefields. The hon. Mr. Rendell has referred to the lobster fishery as being a profitable as well as an increasing business. His (Mr. M.'s) experience did not bear out that statement. He believed that in some places it is profitable and in others the reverse. Carried on with due care and economy, more particularly as regards packing and shipping abroad, it may no doubt be made a fairly remunerative business; while it also has the merit of affording a large amount of employment to women and boys who have no other means of earning money. What has proved to be the history of the lobster fishery in other countries, will be repeated in Newfoundland if the Government do not immediately enact protective measures to save it from destruction as an economic pursuit. With them rests the power to determine whether it is to remain a permanent productive fishery or not; and he hoped they will realize their duty in the matter. He was glad to find that His Excellency attaches so much importance to agriculture. The present Government has done much to encourage agricultural pursuits, but he was not in a position to say whether the amount of return made for the money expended is what should be expected.

There can be no question as to the necessity of diverting the attention of our increasing population to the cultivation of the soil. He was fully in accord with the action of the Executive in increasing the bounty on local-built vessels. The effect of that temporary increase has been to augment the number of crafts constructed the present season, and as they have to be equipped and operated the coming summer, no doubt good returns will come from the stimulus thus afforded. He regretted an omission from the speech of a suggestion for the enactment of a competent survey and classification of local-built vessels. It is absolutely necessary that we should possess a superior class of vessels for the prosecution of the Bank fishery. Old ships are useless and expensive on that voyage, and he hoped before the session closes a measure will be introduced calculated to ensure under survey a fleet fit to cope with the dangers and difficulties of that voyage. It was pleasing to find that the Government are determined to adopt immediate steps to carry out the provisions of the Bait Act. There must be no uncertain sound upon this matter, no halting or half measures. The law and its penalties must be rigidly enforced unless the Government are prepared to make us a laughing stock in the eyes of the French. He hoped, therefore, that the Government have their arrangements for this purpose perfected, and are prepared to act immediately, so as not to suffer this vital act to meet the fate of many Acts that remain dead letters upon our Statute Book. He trusted that energy and earnestness in this matter will indicate a new departure so as to disabuse the minds of the people who have come to believe that no penalties for violation of fishery laws will ever be enforced. As regards the new coastal steam contract, he should merely say that he was glad in the interests of the people that better boats are to be provided for the service. He joined with hon. Mr. Rendell in giving a parting benison to our old friends the *Curlieu* and *Plover*, which are passing from the scene, though he trusted we have not yet seen the last of them. He hoped yet to ship a few tons of goods by the *Curlieu* before she finally disappears. It would be inadvisable just at present to discuss the matter of the Washington treaty negotiations. The hon. Attorney General has recently returned from Washington, and he has kept his own counsel very properly regarding them. No doubt the papers in reference to the matter will be laid on the table in due time. One of the most important subjects referred to in His Excellency's speech is that relating to the fishery commission. He (Mr. M.) had the honor of being one of its members, and he could state they have carried out their duties with great care and industry, and the fullest attention has been bestowed upon the subjects coming before them. He trusted their labors would result in the establishment of a fishery bureau so long talked about and so long delayed. Although almost entirely dependent upon the codfishery, he questioned whether there is another fishing country upon the face of the earth where so little is known scientifically regarding that fish. It is a source of gratification to know that the litigation with the Railway Company has come to a conclusion. He hoped this result will bring both parties to a common ground of understanding, and that satisfactory working arrangements will be made between them. Reference has been made to our immunity from epidemic diseases and other calamities for which we all feel grateful. In this connection we should, though perhaps out of place, call the attention of the hon. Colonial Secretary to the fact that there is no convalescent home in this populous town for patients just recovered from illness. He (Mr. M.) was informed that frequently when patients are cured of disease, and therefore discharged and out of the doctor's care, they are weak from the effects of illness and unable from poverty to obtain the nourishing food necessary to restore them to sound health, with sometimes ill results. He thought, therefore, such an institution would recommend itself to the favor of the whole country, and if the Government saw their way clear, it was an object well worthy of their attention. As a further opportunity will be afforded to discuss the opening speech when the reply comes before the house, he should no longer detain them, but whatever difference of opinion there may be, he was sure they would all unite with His Excellency in the prayer that the Divine blessing may be with us in directing our efforts for the public good. He begged to second the motion.

The motion was put and carried.
Committee—Hon'bles G. Rendell, M. Monroe, T. Talbot, C. R. Ayre, and C. Bowling.
Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY gave notice to move the appointment of a select committee on printing and contingencies.
Hon. M. MONROE gave notice to ask the hon. Colonial Secretary whether it is the intention of the government during the present session to introduce any legislation with the object of bringing the sale of botanic beer and such like drinks under the operation of the law regulating the sale of spirituous liquors.
Hon. JAMES PITTS gave notice to bring in a Bill respecting insurance companies doing business in this colony.
The house then adjourned until Tuesday next.

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 20, 1888.

RASCALS IN OFFICE.

How They Rob the People.

For the past few months we have been "casting around" in search of a parallel to the profligacy and "general cussedness" of the present amalgamated Administration here; but, so far, we have not succeeded in finding one. It would seem that Premier Thorburn and his official associates are, in this very unenviable respect, still "masters of the situation."

The nearest approach to anything like a parallel that we have yet discovered is that afforded by the late Norquay Government of Manitoba. Here the similarity is very striking in several important particulars, as our readers will observe from the following editorial paragraph published by the new Government organ at Winnipeg on the 25th ultimo:—"We have repeatedly declared," says the organ, "that the accounts presented by the Norquay Government to the Legislature were but a serious of villainous falsehoods, blacker than darkness itself. For years back it has been our honest conviction that the men in power in this province were as wretchedly corrupt and unprincipled as it was possible to imagine. In trusting Norquay and his friends reliance was placed in men whose almost daily actions showed them to be steeped to the lips in corruption, and who would cheerfully resort to the blackest deed and the most persistent misrepresentation and falsehood, if only they might retain power. We now repeat that the people have been deceived systematically, grossly and almost criminally."

The foregoing are certainly very grave charges to make against any Government, and we are not surprised to find that, immediately on their being published, the people of Manitoba insisted upon the expulsion of Premier Norquay and his accomplices from office. But admitting that the offences charged against the Norquay Government have been, or can be, sustained in every particular, still they do not surpass in enormity some of the acts of the Thorburn Administration. Where can we find a parallel to the Placentia Railway scandal—a piece of political rascality amounting to a BRIBE OF NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS to Messrs. Donnelly and Emerson; and for what? Why, for their support of a corrupt Government's dishonest and ruinous policy.

Bad and all, we repeat, as Norquay and his advisers have proved themselves to be, they are not worse than the men who govern Newfoundland to-day; and if a healthy public sentiment, similar to that which prevails in Manitoba, existed in this colony, the Thorburn Government would be compelled to resign before the close of the present session. Unfortunately, however, such a sentiment does not manifest itself here. Consequently "bold bad men" are allowed to plunder the people with comparative impunity, and our poor fishermen and laboring classes are being TAXED OUT OF EXISTENCE.

As in Manitoba, so here: Premier Thorburn and Receiver General Donnelly, in dealing with public matters are accustomed to state what is not true. The budget speeches that have fallen from the lips of the latter since his appointment in 1885 have fallen—with respect to many pre-eminently important matters—as black streams of falsehood. Repeated assurances that the colony has been living within its revenues have turned out to be nothing better than hideous distortions of facts.

However, it is to be hoped that the corrupt brood will soon be driven from office and additional light thrown upon their disgraceful proceedings. The books will then be opened and the story of iniquity which they contain will, we feel certain, be found to rival in ugliness anything of the kind ever enumerated. It is a national calamity to have in office men who are in the habit of finding public moneys before they are lost. Therefore THE PEOPLE will see the necessity of getting rid of the present political rogues as soon as possible.

CHARITABLE SOCIETIES.

It is cheering to hear from those connected with the charitable societies that the amount of destitution, as respects the food necessities of life, is not so great amongst the poor this winter as was feared. The St. Vincent de Paul Society find that the requirements of coal from them are greater than the need of bread, and their claimants are pretty nearly the same as those of former years. The investigation accounts, doubtless, to a great extent, for the unexpected diminution of claims upon the resources of the benevolent organizations, though there still remains a large amount of distress to be relieved and this will continue to be the case till well into April month.

OUR COUNTRYMEN ABROAD.

Delighted to Hear that Sir William Has Returned to Politics.

GOOD WISHES FOR THE PEOPLE'S STANDARD-BEARER.

OUR Boston correspondent—who, by the way, voices the sentiment of many intelligent Newfoundlanders now residing in that city—writes us as follows, under date of the 11th instant:—"What in the name of all that's fair and just are the blundering Thorburn Government about? There has been no mail from Newfoundland since the last direct boat from England, and that one was somewhat late. It is now nearly four weeks since I have had a sight of your much-valued paper, and I fear it will be two or three days yet before I enjoy that pleasure. In place of progressing, the Government appear to be going backwards as fast as they can. The weather here has been the coldest and most severe known for many years. Even yesterday we had it from below zero. It has been as low as 18 and 20 with us; and in parts of New Hampshire not a hundred and fifty miles from here they have had it down to 35. A young man from Newfoundland who is connected with a New Hampshire establishment wrote me the other day that the storm was so severe that for three days employes could not get to the establishment. They have had a continuation of snow-storms for fourteen days. This, I think, beats any Newfoundland winter that I know anything about. Are you to have any addition to the sealing fleet from Scotland this Spring? The outfit appears to be smaller each year. Ottawa despatches report the Newfoundland Government to be fitting out two or three steamers in order to enforce the provisions of the Bait Act; and as one despatch says, that French fishermen will be prepared to get bait at all hazards, there will likely be a lively time before long. Several American schooners have arrived here from Fortunate Bay with full fares of frozen herring. Two St. John's vessels have been detained in Boston a long time, owing to the severe weather. Both brought potatoes from P. E. Island, and for three weeks could not remove their hatches. The vessels alluded to are the *Dawn*, belonging to M. Tobin, and the *Plymouth*, owned by Clift, Wood & Co. Both these vessels will load for St. John's, and it is to be hoped will make a good run down. When does the House open? Are you likely to have a stormy session? What a pity the Government did not issue a writ for the election of a member in White's place. I should like to have heard of Sir William having returned for that district. Newfoundlanders here seem to think that his services are absolutely necessary to put public affairs in proper shape again. Any way, he is regarded as the ablest politician the colony has ever yet produced. I sincerely hope that, on resuming the reins of Government, he will have nothing more to do with any of the trimmers who acted in such a cowardly and treacherous manner in 1885."

DEATH OF A VETERAN SON OF TEMPERANCE.

Editor Evening Telegram.
DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of "Union" Division, S. of T., held at the Temperance Hall on Thursday, 16th inst., the death of Brother William Whelan, an old and respected member of the order, was announced to have taken place on the 5th inst., and in the 88th year of his age. On reference to the records of the Division it was shown that Brother Whelan was a charter member of that Division in the year 1855, and the writer stated that the late brother was (in company with him) initiated in Terra Nova Div., No. 5, S. of T., on the 14th of March, 1851, showing that he was a member of the order for thirty-seven years, and that during that time he was loved and esteemed as a worthy and consistent member of the order.

He was on the benefit role and for a number of years, being past his labor, he received weekly benefits from the Division, and at this meeting the usual funeral benefit of forty dollars was voted to his widow.

The above must be a very gratifying record to the friends of our deceased brother, and it should also encourage others, especially young men, to cast in their lot with the Temperance Army, so as to secure similar privileges in their declining years, if they should require them. L. T. C.

The following are the names of the officers holders of the Benevolent Irish Society for the ensuing year. The annual meeting and election was held in St. Patrick's Hall last Friday evening:—President, R. J. Kent, Esq.; Vice-President, Wm. Donnelly, Esq.; First Vice-President, T. J. Greene, Esq.; Second Vice-President, H. V. Born, Esq.; Treasurer, M. Tobin, Esq.; Chairman of Schools, Thomas Mitchell, Esq.; Secretary of Society, M. H. Carty, Esq.; Chairman of Charity, J. J. O'Reilly, Esq.; Secretary of Review and Correspondence, John Howlett, Esq.,

"PUBLIC SPEAKING."

Lecture Delivered in the Athenaeum Hall on Monday Evening Last, by Rev. T. Hodgkinson.

(Concluded.)
Suppose you enter into conversation with one of those doleful orators, and put a few systematic enquiries.

"Sir! Are you very tired?" Listen to the answer: "No!"

"Sir! On a public platform, do you try to look like Byron pensively musing over his own greatness and the littleness of everybody else?" "No!"

"Sir! Have you, spite of your solemn eloquence, just passed through a bankruptcy court?" "No!"

"Sir! Excuse me, but I have one more touchy question to ask: Is your mother-in-law dead?" "No!"

"Then, sir, you are a public imposter, giving people a false impression—giving people the idea that your life is profoundly sad."

In public utterances men should be manly and never ape in the tones of their voice a sorrow which has no existence in their hearts. Let a speaker be faithful to Nature, and she will instruct him in the way he should go.

A public speaker should possess enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is a word pregnant with meaning. It comes from Greece, the land of men "whose tongues were set to music." The word means inspired by a god. The derivation of the word sets forth a great truth.

A successful speaker must be inspired by a power outside and above himself. That power may be the welfare of the country, or some mighty reformation, or pressing problem, or some divine idea. Whatever the subject, it must be greater than the speaker: it must sway his thought and being.

What sunshine is to the face of nature, enthusiasm is to the speaker. Sunshine works like magic. It invests familiar and rare objects with indescribable beauty; the broken-down stonewall by the wayside; the wee modest daisy gemmed with dewdrops; the delicately fringed leaf shimmering in the summer light; the silver-tipped waves; the snowy robe on Alpine peak, dyed with gorgeous hues. So enthusiasm casts its irradiating power over a great subject: it makes dry facts interesting; it makes instinct with life prosaic truths, and it increases the splendor of the creations of genius.

Enthusiasm brings into bolder relief every quality of the speaker: flashes in the glance of his eye and quivers in his thrilling tones. Enthusiasm lights up the may-be ragged face of the orator with a glow of consecrated hopes and beneficent purposes. Enthusiasm fills the soul with joy and leads the speaker, in the hour of his transfiguration, to exclaim with Socrates: "What motive has a man to live, if not for the pleasure of discourse."

Enthusiasm leads men to face Titanic toils, and never rest till their bright dreams become glorious realities. Enthusiasm has touched the hearts of the great benefactors of mankind. It was enthusiasm that led Daniel O'Connell, when his frame was shattered by disease, and his voice was low and faint, to advise in his last speech in the House of Commons; yea, to plead with all the pathos of a patriot, that England would stretch out her hand of help to her sister Ireland, when poverty, and the pestilence, and death were sweeping through the land like destroying angels. Ah! men speak eloquently when the fires of enthusiasm glow and burn in their hearts!

Public speakers have a goodly heritage in the English language. It comes down to us enriched with the spoils of time and the contributions of far-off lands. It has been the medium through which great rights and privileges have been secured. Speech "has her victories no less renowned than war." Speech has moulded the fortunes and destinies of great nations, and we hope that more and more in the future the disputes of nations will not be settled by the bloody sword, or the winged bullets of death, but by the combined judgment of senators on whose lips there is poured the grace of just, straightforward, reasonable, amicable speech.

With the English tongue every man with natural abilities may hope to become an effective speaker, although he may not have been favored with a classical education. Look at the results accomplished with the facile pens and eloquent tongues of men who cannot be placed in the select category of learned classical scholars: John Bunyan, John Bright, Benjamin Franklin, Wendell Phillips, Charles Dickens, J. B. Gough, and last but not least—whatever may be your view either of his creed, or suspicions of a down-grade movement amongst men on the other side of the Atlantic—C. H. Spurgeon. The triumphs of these men have been won with their mother tongue. With Saxon words the wonderful story of "live and love"—the secret of national stability and progress—has been graphically told. With Saxon words—the smooth slopes from the brook—"Philistian giants" have

been laid. The English language contains an ample vocabulary. It is like a king's palace in which are precious treasures—things new and old. Here are words which wait like willing servants to fulfil the large ministry of expressing our feelings, painting our visions, liberating our captive thoughts. Here are words that have their roots in the misty past and ancient religions, or words that are of recent growth.

Here are words that instruct or pleasantly relax the tension of thought. Here are words, rhythmic words for the poet, or terse words for the homely philosopher. Here are words that express delicate shades of meaning or massive thought. Here are words that diffuse the genial warmth of humor and scatter the dangerous sparks of wit. Here are words that unseal the fountains of pity or stir musical ripples of laughter.

Here are words that ring like the strokes of a blacksmith's hammer, or words that fall softly as snow-flakes. Here are words that carry spell-bound listeners to the seventh heaven, or cast them into the depths of despair. Here are words that smite the heart with solemn awe, or break forth into singing; words that kindle the hot fires of indignation, or bind hearts together with the fetters of love. Marvellous are the effects produced by the combination of words when the spirit of life is breathed into them.

Gentlemen, we may not be great public speakers, but one thing we may do,—we can fight for the good, as well as oppose the ill. Let us see to it that our public words are like flaming swords, lifted up to bid defiance to the reign of superstition and bigotry, to the shams, the iniquities, the social wrongs which still exist in the national life; and let us be still more solicitous, that our words shall be as pitying angels, strengthening the cause of justice, truth, humanity—the eternal righteousness whose spell we all feel in our highest moods and best moments.

So shall we help to hasten the coming of the Golden Age to wistful watchers and sometimes sorrow-stricken hearts.

Duty of the Church on the Drink Question.

CANON FARRAR'S SPEECH AT MANCHESTER.

In his recent speech at Manchester, with respect to the duty of the Church on the drink question, Canon Farrar said he very much wished all those who were really interested in this subject would read the "History of the 18th Century," by Mr. Lecky. So far as he knew, Mr. Lecky was not a total abstainer, nor especially interested in temperance reform; but simply because he was a good man and a philosophical historian, he had turned his attention to this subject, and he deliberately said that the year 1724 was one of the most memorable epochs of the Hanoverian period—more memorable than any of our discoveries, wars, or lives or deaths of kings; and simply because about that time gin-drinking began to infect the masses of the population, and to spread with the rapidity and violence of an epidemic. When we looked at all the results which he there partly described, we could only apply those words of Coleridge, in which, though with a different reference, he writes a dialogue between "Fire, Famine, and Slaughter, and where Famine said, "Sisters, sisters, who sent you here?" and Slaughter answered, "I will whisper it in her ear:" and Fire added, "No, no, no:—

Spirits hear what spirits tell;
"T'would make a holiday in hell!"
"But who sent you?" "The same! the same!
He came by stealth and unlocked my den,
And I have drunk the blood since then,
Of three three hundred thousand men."

This same destruction was going on at this our day as it did in those days. And what was our duty in the face of this great fact? He would tell them. Not long ago, on a part of the coast of England well-known to him, a gallant ship was speeding along in a thick fog towards a great iron wall of rock, where the cliffs reared themselves two hundred feet out of the deep water. The captain had lost his bearings, and the crew were ignorant of their peril. Suddenly, for one moment, the fog lifted, and they saw rocks only about a cable's length ahead. Instantly, with a shock felt by every man on board, the engines of the strong steamer were reversed; and then, even if the wind and tide had been against her, yet, if she had been able to make a single inch backward in the hour, she would have been saved. That is the position in England now; the fog had lifted: They saw the wall of rock ahead of them. It was their duty to reverse the engines whose throbs and motion, unless arrested, would hurry them along to inevitable destruction. It seemed to him to be the duty of the Church to point out that the fog had lifted, and to show the wall of rock ahead. If she did not, certainly the crash must sooner or later come, and England must hear as other nations had heard before her, those fatal words of her destiny fall from heaven, "Forever," and "Too late!"

There was one thing especially they wanted all people to do, and that was to simply look

at facts. It was all they asked statesmen to do. It was all they asked Englishmen to do. It was all they implored the licensed victuallers to do—namely, simply look steadily at the facts. They might sneer to any extent at temperance reformers; might point out their weakness and errors; they might strike, but let them hear us. The only thing we wanted them not to do was to close their eyes to patent and obvious facts. If they did that the danger must go on increasing. They knew how dreadfully easy it was to do that. When a nation had once committed itself to a distinct course of error, alarm was soon succeeded by apathy, horror ended in familiarity, familiarity in acquiescence, acquiescence in palliation, and palliation in defence. When once error had linked itself arm-in-arm with self-interest it was almost irresistible.

It was so in the days of the slave trade. John Newton, though a good man, said he had never sweeter hours of prayer and communion with God than when sailing from the coast of Africa on board a Guinea slaver, with its balas of human agony chained and rotting beneath the deck! We know how, in the days of the slave trade, the same arguments were used for it as for the liquor traffic. Scripture was constantly used in support of it. Moses had legalized it. Paul had sent back to Philemon the fugitive slave, and it was impious to denounce slavery. Then they said it was exceedingly dangerous to free the slave. The slave did not want freedom. If he had it, he would deluge the fields of our West Indian colonies in blood. Vast sums would have to be paid in compensation. And to free the slave was to rob the master. In spite of all these arguments, the common sense of the nation at last rose up and tore these arguments to shreds. The moral courage of the nation declared that an end should be put to that iniquitous traffic in human blood. The moral resentment of the nation dashed its strong hand against the lips of those who called evil good and good evil. (To be continued.)

LOCAL VARIETIES.

THE overland northern mail leaves to-morrow morning.

THE "Governor's Speech" will be debated by the St. John's Mutual Improvement Association on to-morrow (Tuesday) evening in the basement of Queen's Road Chapel.

HON. M. MONROE's speech in the Legislative Council, in seconding the motion for an address in reply to "the Speech from the Throne," appears on our third page to-day.

WE are requested to state that, "in consequence of the indisposition of several of the performers, the concert to have been held in the Athenaeum to-night has been postponed."

THE Agricultural Society propose holding a variety entertainment on Thursday, 1st March, in the Athenaeum Hall. The committee have succeeded in securing the best musical talent. Programme and full particulars will be published in due course.

Two Dundee sealing steamers—*Polynia* and *Esquimaux*—arrived here yesterday. They left on the 1st and 6th instant, respectively. The *Aurora* and *Terra Nova* left on the 6th and 9th instant, and may be looked for at any time.

THE steamer *Newfoundland* will sail at daylight to-morrow morning. She takes no freight. Her passengers are—Miss Carbery, The Right Rev. Dr. MacDonald, Messrs. P. J. Cahill, George Askwith, A. Ramsay, C. Macpherson; twelve in steerage.

MR. W. H. HORWOOD will deliver a lecture this evening at 8 o'clock, in the Cathedral Boys' Sunday School, under the auspices of the Church of England Temperance Society. Subject: "The Work and Aims of Temperance Societies." A discussion will follow the lecture. The public will be admitted free.

It was decided at the annual meeting of the Irish Society to hold a bazaar next year for the purpose of helping to pay off the balance of debt on St. Patrick's Hall. In view of the charitable and industrial objects, which are the fundamental principles of the society, the proposed bazaar will doubtless liberally receive, as it certainly deserves, the handsome patronage of all classes in the community.

BIRTH.
At Fort-de-Grave, on the 11th inst., the wife of constable Turner, of a son.

MARRIED.
At the Cathedral, Harbor Grace, on the 12th inst., by His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Macdonald, Mr. Michael Tobin, carpenter, to Margaret, daughter of John and Alice Scully, both of Harbor Grace.
At the Cathedral, Harbor Grace, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. J. Murphy, C.C., Mr. Michael Power, to Susanna Daly, both of Harbor Grace.

DIED.
At Mosquito, on the 12th ult., after a long illness, Mr. Edward Have, aged 23 years.
At Riverhead, Harbor Grace, on the 23rd ult., Mr. Thomas Scully, aged 70 years.
At Harbor Grace, on the 1st inst., Ann Munnright, aged 22 years.
Last night at the residence of her son-in-law (Mr. Jas. Furlong) Allan's Square, in her 80th year, Mary McGrath, widow of the late Edward Doherty, a native of McCarty, County Tipperary, Ireland. Funeral on Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m., when friends and acquaintances will please accept this, the only invitation.
On Saturday night, Patrick Wakham, aged 42 years, a native of Presque, Placentia Bay, leaving a wife and seven children to mourn their loss. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) at 2:30, from his late residence, James' street Theatre hill; friends and acquaintances will please attend.
Drowned at sea, on George's Bank, Captain James Rossiter, of the schooner *William J. Parsons*, aged 48 years, a native of St. John's, Newfoundland. The deceased was son of John and Mary Rossiter, and brother of Mr. Thomas Rossiter, at Bowling Bros. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn the loss of a kind father and affectionate husband.
At Montreal, on the 30th ult., Margaret Clarke, aged 88 years, beloved wife of Patrick Connolly.
This morning, after a lingering illness, Walter, beloved child of Jonathan and Jessie Squires, aged one year and six months.

By THE HICKS CHAMBERLAIN SNOW The treaty ate's ru Sir H without Cham Fisherie Snow struct Wind weather off the N Auction—Shirts, cl Dorie— Fresh bu Dwelling Business Black ma Wanted— BUS he has op centia, w satisfact carriage paid to be feb21,1 of Smok feb20,1 "JU in bars wrapped a pound, sore hand, inc. It is purpose for it. TAK can be su Household at the rate per ton, 4 GRAN To-Mo MR We A LA trable bell zinc pois bral awit stationery feb21 Very On Due I AM A Publ March, at \$300. This dwe late John Legates. Office: 34 opp. FI feb14,4 GREA Groc HAYL to dispo business ceased, in ter Street sale at pu next, con emulating Harliwar queted t sale, feb20