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From the St. John, $:=\overline{N, B}$, , Telegraph. Progress orthe Railroad of Prince
Edward Island. Edward Island.
As our readers are generally aware the As our readers are generally aware the fair
and fertile colony of Prince Edward Island is
now being intersected by a Railroad
Sooner and fertile colony of Prince Edward Island is
now being intersected by a Railroad. Sooner
than could have been expected the Legisla. ture provided facilities for building a line
from Cascumpec on the north to Georgetown from Cascumpec on the north to Georgetown
on the east coast, passingthrough summerside,
and connecting with Charlottetown by a branch and connecting with Chariottetown by a branc
the length of the road, including the branc
of 6 miles, being 146 miles. The line curve af 6 miles, being 146 miles. The line curve,
making, hofully beterwen the extreme points, making, however, a sharp angle at that poin
of the line between Charlottetown and George
town, from which a branch line of 36 miles of the line between Charlottetown and George.
tonn, from whirh a branch line of 36 miles.to
Souris, is projected, and now under survey.
It will leave the trunk line It will leave the trunk line at Mount Stewart,
the head of navigation of the Hillsborought
River, and extend through Morrell and St the head of navigation of the Hillsborough
River, and extend through Morrel and st.
Peters to Souris. An extension of the main Peters to Souris. An extension of the mai
line northward from Alberton to Tignish,
distance of 12 miIIes, is also undertaken. A distance of 12 miles, is also undertaken. As
the IIsanders have almost no provincial debt
and are getting three miles of a good road and are getting three miles of a good road
bult for the cost of one in New Brunswick
or Nova Scotia, we need not be surprised if br Nova Scotia, we need not be surprised if
or hear of even the present long Iine and
branches being followed up by the construcbranches being followed up by the construc-
tion of branches to Rustico and New London on the north, and Crapaud, and Wood Island
and Murray Harbor on the south The Murray Harbor on the south.
miles of the line which Sume erside and Charlottetown are graded and
ready for the rails, the first of which ready for the rails, the first of which was re-
cently laid. The rails will be laid before the cently laid. The rails will be laid before the
snow falls. The tremainder of the main lin
willabe graded before the winter sets in. The will be graded before the winter sets in. The
gauge is one of 3 feet 6 inches, with rolling
stock to match. The line is being built with stock to match. The line is being built with
the view of securing a high rate of speed for a narrow gauge road, say from 23 to 30 miles an
hour. The minimum curvature has been
limited to 600 feet radius, which is very much hour. the mimimum curvaure has bee
limited to 60 feet radius, which is very much
lesss than the ordinavy limit of narrow gaug
lines on which curves of 300 are not deeme lines on which
inadmissible.
Owing to the light nature of the soil in
Prince Edward Island, the roads became very Prince as soon as the fall rains set in, entailing
bad
gras great cost and trouble on the farmers in get
ting their crops to marke.t. The nature of
the ting their crops to market. The nature o
the soil has to be takm into account in con
structing the road, Wiest of Summerside the structing the road, West of Summerside the
country is generally very level, but betwee Summerside and Georgetown it is broken an
hilly. Between Summerside and Charlottetown
 Brunswiok, except that there is less rock. At
two points in this section of the road an ele.
vation of 300 feet above the level of the vation of 300 feet above the level of the sea is
reached. The deepest cutting in the entire
line will be about 20 feet. Several portions of the line run over embankments of from 30
to 40 feet. The land on either sid being
lower, there will be little danger of the row lower, there will be little danger of the roac
being obstructed by snow for a great part of
its course. its course.
The fencing will be of galvanized wire, o
seven lines, each line composed of three strand of single wire. On the part of our Intercolon-
ial Railroad the board fencing, first tried, has
been been removed to give place to wire fences on
the exposed portions of the line. This re
mark applies to that part of the line bet mark applies to that part of the line between
Dorchester and Sackville. We presume that
this wire fence, superior as regards durabilit Dorchester and sackvilie. We presume tuat
this wire fence, superior as regards durability
and because nt doos not hold the snow drifts
has been that which was profernd has been that which was preferred by this
Government Engineer, J. Edward Boyd, Esq.
The mason work is built of the native The mason work is built of the native stone,
a dark brown sandstone, which works easily
when first quarried, and became hard afte when first quarried, and became hard aster
exposure to the weather. The bridges and
culverts are all of stone. The rails weigh 40 exports are all of stone. The rails weigh 40
counds to the yard and are joined by fish
potte
$\qquad$
 hackmatack, cedar and hemlock. No pains
are being spared to make the work of the
most permanent and satisfory are being spared to make the work, of the
mosot permanent and satisfactory character, so
as to ensure stability and cheapness of main
tenanace as to ensure stability and cheapness of main
tonannee.
The rolling stock will be comprised as fol-

10 engines, which are being made in England
10 first-class cars. 10 sirst-class cars. Thers. These have not yet
6 seond-lass cars.
een ordered. It is intended that in comfort been ordered. It is intended that in comfort
and finish they shall be equal to those on any 100 box provinces.
25
flat cars 25 flat cars.
3 sow ploughs.
Tho bop
3 snow ploughs.
The box and flat ars and snow ploughs are being made in the workshops of the contrac-
tors in Charlottetown. The wheels and axles and other iron work for the cars are being fur-
 aers and shippers to aary the produce of the
sland to the principal points of shipment,
uch as Charlottetown and such as Charlottetown and GGeorgetown, as early
and as rapidl as possible, as well as to serve
the ordinily the ordinary carrying purposes of the country.
With the excertion of Cascumpec, there is
 snly to harbors of any importance. Charlotte forn, on the east coast is open generally for
for ater in the Fall than the other harors. Last season at least half ot the produce
of the Island was shut in by the sudden Ing of the sound wast shut in by by the sudden clos
ould have been shipped had the of thillo this ished to Georgetown. The commercialdia ppointment was very serious. The railroac
ill soon obviate this difficulty, and otherwise put new life into the industres of the Island.
The truck line and branch to Charlottetow are to have the astonishing large number 'o
tata
stations, including 33 platform stations stations, including 38 platform stations, o those of the raitways of this provinee, with
he add stations, Cascupec, Summerside, Charlottown, and Georgetown, the cars will run into sheds don land the passengers under cover, as
done at the St. John station of the E . $\&$ N. A Railroad, but at it only
The contractors are
Burpee. They took the Messrs. Skrieber and and the advance in iron has since been very onsiderable. They seem determined, how
ever, to build a good road, whatever may be eve profitto the contractors, whassrs. Mharles
the Me
Gregory, C. E., and Wm. Rennie. two. Gregory, C. E., and Wm. Rennie, two gentle-
men of much experienee, are carrying eon the
work for the contractors. Mr. S. Edward Boxd Mr. REA COMMITTED TO JAII Extraordinary Scene.
Mr . Rea, on being carried out of court, was
immediately marched to the Police office. When at the charge-desk he called out for the person who preferred the charge against him
and almost in the same breath Cemanded the presence of his "short-hand writer." The pol but marched him without further parle through to the cells. On being carried up
Hight of staurs he remarked to the constable that they might take it easy and not over that it was a difficult matter to to was mado for he was no light weight. A large orowd,
composed principally of those who had witnes composed principally of those who had witnes
sed his ejection from the court, waited at the parture for the jail. A cab was secured to ç vey Mr. Rea, who, however, decluned to walk
down-stairs, and had to be carried to the cab by the poins, and had to be carried to this appearanc the cab
on the was re Rea took of his hat and $\theta$ tew hisses. Mr was edged the acclamat, ind graciously acknowl on all the cab, smilng most benign mounted police, the escopted by a numbe r. Rea waving his famous Panama drate from
te window. On his arrival at the jail ho ards retired into seelusion.-Belfast News Th

The Coal Supply question
In conneetion with the coal supply ques.
ion, it is important to note that fresh
its are about to be sunk in the French pits are about to be sunk in ethe French
lepartments of the Nord and the Pas de Calais discoveries having been made of coal deposits ance of the district from a eoal mining point
of view has been very greatly increasing of e years. been very greatly increasing of

## THE STAR



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## THE STAR

## THE LESSON

Osear 0 wen and his wife Maria were romantic young couple. They had little parents were plain, matter-offfact farmers,
but young 0 wen had imbibed some lofty ideas that made him despise the humble vocation of his father. Maria, at a boarding pressions regarding the duties devolving upon a farmer's daughter. Both had faith in the intangible portion of their respective
organizations,the mind. Oscar in his callow days, which were not yet, as he fancied over, did addozen monstrous sketches, in crayon, and his soul was on fire to achieve
others, in colors, that he was positive would others, in colors, that he was positive would
place his name among the greatest of, the place his name among the greatest of the
world in his chosen profession. Maria had
evolved sundry absurd stories which duty suggested must be given to the world. Heand in hand they purposed, not only to make the journey of life, bu
The elder Owen proffered his son, on the ve of kis marriage, the deed of a fine little tract of land, with a pretty, snug cottage up-
on it, an orchard, and the necessary accessonit, an orchard, and the necessary accessories of stock and team; but Oscar intimated
that their equivalant in money would be more desirable.
Just enough, he said, to enable him to tablish himself in the city. He was po dence.
Nalent for what, lad ? queried the farmer for spending bank-bills and driving fast nag I am to become a landscape painter, sir the youth answere
temptuous retort. And you? turning to Maria.

I shall write sketches for the New York-

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& \text { quickly recognized. } \\
& \text { A pretty couple! the old gentleman crie }
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quickly recognized.

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& \text { A pretty couple! the old gentleman cried } \\
& \text { in despair. You'll go mooning round and } \\
& \text { starve to death. But an old man's advice }
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& \text { starve to death. But an old man's advice } \\
& \text { don't amount to much in these cases. Go }
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$$ and try for your bread-not much butter' be on it, I dare sa

folly, come back.
folly, come back.
Therefore it ame about that Oscar $O_{\text {wen }}$ structure on a respectable street in New York. They set to work immediately at their chosen tasks. It should be their chief-
est pleasure to shame the prediction of the dissatisfied parents, to show the gossips wh
had assailed them with jibes, and predicted want and defeat, that their prophecies wer without fulfilment, their jeers, sharp arrows piercing themselves. Visions of a return to
the country town on a visit, clad in costly attire and attended by a retinue of liveried
servants, obtruded, while in their respective lairs, surnamed studio and study, the infatu Oscar soon rendered his room hideou with uucouth representations of impossible
scenes It would have been no sin to wor ship any of them, for they could not be disIgnated as any thing under the heaveus fled out from the nib of her pen, and spread
over ream after ream of foolscap. Both were enraptured with their success, as they were pleased to term the result of their efforts Maria could not sufficiently admire the over his shoulder while he delineated objects which he. indicated as trees, houses, animals,
lakes, meadows and mountains, She never lakes, meadows and mountains, She never
tired of gazing at his varied skies, glowin. crimson and orange and purple, the great reaches of valley of intensest green, the hills
rising to acute angles, making the invariable rising to acute angles, making the invariable
prespestive. In the evening Maria read her prespentive. In the eyening Maria read her
ther over the fates of bereaved orphans, sepa-

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& \text { At length it was decided that the time fo }
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heir advent into the literary and art aren

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& \text { had arrived. Maria forwarded the sorron } \\
& \text { of "Amanda Amarintha Armytace" to }
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& \text { Amanda Amarintha Armytage to the } \\
& \text { paper before alluded to. Oscar placed }
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painting, magnificent in size and coloring

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& \text { If not in design and detail, upon exhibition; } \\
& \text { a card, bearing his name, suggesting that }
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& \text { a card, bearing his name, suggesting that } \\
& \text { the mammoth coneern would be parted with }
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for a consideration, was affixed.

Meanwhile the friends of the remantic and gifted pair were surely decreasing, but hope tant heights
Maria hadintimated to the editor to whom
she had forwarded her article, that he eould
become sole proprietor of her first merited
offspring for the sum of twenty-five dollars
With the offspring for the sum of twenty-five dollar
With the money, dear Oscar, I will buy your paint and canvas, the little woman de
clared.
No miscivings crowded in upon her joyfut red.
No misgivings crowded in upon her joyful anticipations.
What will I do with my earnings, darl Oh, buy me paper, and lay by the rest $t$ t ison Avenue.
That very night the post-boy brought the
paper, Amanda, etce, was respectfor
clined.
This was a dreadful blow. Maria wept
and was inconsqlable until Oscar suggested hat perhaps she had fixed her price too high. nd many others, which met a similar fate. She wrote to the callous-hearted editor, at
ntervals, that he might publish her sketches for ten, five, and finally, two dollars; and
when he still declined to entertain her generous propositions, she asked him, in lugu"That on my pen a fond heart hangs:
My lover husband seeks to know Why, hard of heart, you repel my soul's la
And fill us both with dreadful woe?" Oscar was confident that no one, unless his
oul was utterly obdurate, could resist this ender adjuration; but when the head of said journal curtly replied that, though the propriety of hanging a fond heart on her pe
was questionable, he should offer no obje tion to the proceeding, and suggested that of that feathered biped, who, it was notorious, would lay without being subjected to such a
repletion of "two." Oscar said, holding his sobbing wife in his arms, He don't understand you, darling. was too fine
Magazine.
In the me
In the mean time a gentleman with a dro twinkle in his fine eyes, called upon Oscar
I will give you ten dollars for that affai yours up in the gallery. I never saw so much paint put on one piece of convas.
hardly understand how the dogs in the fore o sink, but skim the suriace easily. Think, but skim the suriace easily.
Those are cows in a pasture, meekly interarded Oscar.
Possible !
Possible ! I'd never have dreamed it !
and with this dubious compliment he re-
Though inclined to be chagrined at the ack of discrimination in the purchaser Oscar ultimately concluded that it was n
business of his if his patron failed to discern business of his if his patron failed to discern
betwixt dogs and cows, land and water. Ni
suspicions of his own genius yet chilled hi suspicions of his own genius yet chilled h
aspirations.
It would be useless to designate the stori It would be useless to designate the stories,
sketches, novels, romances, "'ad infinitum," sketches,
that $t_{0}^{M M}$ Maria profs, rered to unsympathizing and
unapmer unappreciative publishers, nor the monstrous delineations that remained in Oscar's studio,
doomed never to add lustre to the name of doomed never to add lustre to the name of
the struggling artist. They early removed the struggling artist. They early removed
from the tasteful brick residence to a less pretentious abode on a less respectable street
where, for a long time, they strove to win the Where, for a long time, they strove to win the ncied so easy to attain.
Want was at the door. The money receiv
d at the outset had long since gone, as hat ewelry and superfluous clothing. Forebodings seized upon them. They began to comprehend their owr mental defifiencics. They
understood now that they were hetter ad ed for the labor of hands than brains. cessity is a great disenchanger. Hungray
and forlorn, friendless in a big city, in and forlorn, friendless in a big city, in a
wretched room in an ugly, frowning old tene-
ment house ment house, amid the Babel of confusion nd a termagant spinster across their own landing, our poor, infatuated friends saw the eautiful fabric of their dreams gradually
issolve in thin space. issolve in thin space.
One wild, chill nigh reeping like a robber through yawning seams, hourly threatening the destruction of wife to crouching beside the small stove and sar arose, and brought in armfuls of his treaThe hungray, whaze swallowed then, as the mournful hours in the past had absorbed the hopes and dreams of his manhood. Maria Thearfuly contemplated their destruction,
Thall warm us, if they will not feed us, The said, gloomily.
Then Maria, with a sigh, added the lives of her heroes and heroines, and sobbed while

Now, my husband, let us work. I will shicit sewing; you-what will you do?
Anything I can find to do. We will not
go back to our fathers emptr go back to our fathers empty-handed. moonlight laid pallid fingers in thessing-
they thought upon them-they planned they thought upon them-they planned fo ful of the harsh voice of the complaining breeze, the deep boom of the troubled waters
in the bay, the keen, frosty air that caught their breath and transfixed it in crystals up on the thin covering.
For weeks
For weeks Oscar toiled at illy-requite
abor. Maria, worn to a shadow in the gloomy apartment, stitched incessantly. Sh
tried to be brave and resolute, and smile upon her husband, wher he came home terly wearied, in a way that was pitiful, and somberted and grieved, and lost, sometimes she
 ing-thinking of the wide green fields, star red with violets, and broidered with the gold
of dandelions-for it was spring again-of the gentle cows down in the green pasture
the old fathers under the red porches, smok the old fathers under the red porches, smok-
ing their pipes, (the finthers long ago laid ing their pipes, (the finothers long ago laid
own life's burdens. no hard ones to the quiet souls, and took up the crowns yonder,)
of the pretty farm that might have been her own and Oscar's.
One afternoon Oscar came home to find
his wife sitting in the rude arm-chair, dumb and white. She made no reply to his anxi ous inquiries. The eyes stared at him stoniis next lifted her to the bed, and summoned his next neighbor. He had a little moned,
and procured a doctor, who shook his head when he saw the patient.
She will live? Oscar said, huskily. God only knows! was the solemn a
Doctor Mirley had a heart, and Doctor Mirley had a heart, and it co passionated the young man, who, wild, wit
grief, had thrown himself by his wife's pi
low, where he strove to recall spirit. He raised the husband to his feet
Go, Go, he said. We will do all that can be
done. You are nearly ill yourself. Here is done. You are nearly ill yourself. Here is
the money you gave me. Take it and procure food.
The good physician opened the door and
gently pushed Oscar over the threshold.
$\underset{\text { I thought I heard father's voice. }}{*} \quad *$
spoke. Oscar, admonished by a glance fro deelings, and, in moderately calm tones, a sured his wife that her father was indee present. Then the sobbing old Farme
Jones folded his daughter in his arms, while Mr. Owen, senior, wept over the thin han
he clasped with the shrunken fingers of hi
Maria rallied fast, under the genial be
Whity of the overjoyed parents.
embracing his son and Maria, and Maria' father, and Maria's baby, whom the kind woman, the only real neighbor the coupl
had, just brought into the room.

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& \text { Then Mr. Jones ran about. th the } \\
& \text { Then Mrom. }
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& \text { Then Mr. Jones ran about the streets, } \\
& \text { urrying along, after a brief time, sundry }
\end{aligned}
$$ boys, laden with baskets and bundtes, with

crockery and food time sundry crockery and food and fuel, and with his
hands helped spread a bountiful feast. Any further hankering arter pict Any further hankering arter picters?
questioned Mr. Owen, wiping the soup from
his mouth with an immense crimson handker. his mouth with an immense crimson handker
chief, as the party lingered at the table. chief, as the party lingered at the table.
No. I am cured of my folly Owen hit his son such a reso
in compliment to this declaration as to al most stan him.
That's good for you. You'll go home with
is. The farm I bought is ready. I knew s. The farm I bought is ready. I knew It was a hard one, but well learned, fathor Oscar replied.
And about my darter? intelarded Jones.
How 'bout romances How 'bout romances . ${ }^{\text {faria? }}$ ?
Maria smiled, but tears we
he hugged the boby crs were in her eyes
I love the realities of husband and child, nd a peaceful home near our fathers, better nuch misery.
It was doubtful if all of this little speech ho hastened round to to kiss "'Riah" and ba, and then to shake hands with Oscar. But Maria and Oscar found out, down at the
farm, in the home among the apple-trees, a
ruer, if humbler, sphere, whose realities of
oil and care, sickness and death, alternated ore perfect, than the early life, filled with
feverish visions, which receded like the treach feverish visions,which receded
erous mirage as they advanced, and wild
ambitions, tormenting them with promises ambitions, tormenting them
ever to remain unfulfilled

## MIXED UP.

Some years ago, when the writer was a re porter upon an Eastern paper, it devolved account of the presentation of a gold headed of the place, and a description of a paten hog-kiling, and sausage machine, which had been put in operation at the factory. Now, what made the Rev. Dr. Mudge mad was
this: The inconsiderate buccaneer who mada this : The inconsider up the forms of the paper got the two locals
mixed up in a frightful manner, and when mixed up in a frightful manner, and when
they went to press something like this was the appalling result: ${ }^{7}$ Several of the Rev. Dr. Mudge's friends called upon him yesterday, and arter a brief
conversation the unsuspieious hog was seized by the hind legs and slid along the beam until he reached the hot water thank. Hi friends explained the object of their visit and presented him with a very handsome yold-
headed butcher, who grabbed him by the tail, swung him round, slit his throat from ear to ear, and in less than a minute the carcass was in the water. Thereupon he came forward
and said that there were times when the feel and said that there were times when the feel
ings overpowered one, and for that reason he would not attempt to do more than thank those around him for the manner in which such a huge animal was cut into fragments
was simply astonishing. The doctor concludwas simply astonishing. The doctor conclud nd in less time than it takes to write it the hog was cut into fragments and worked up
into delicious sausage. The occasion will long be remembered by the doctor's friends
as one of the most delightful of their lives. as one of the most delightful of their lives.
The best piece can be procurred for fifteen The best piece can be procurred for fiteen
cents per pound, and we are sure that those who have sat so long under his ministry will
rejoice that he has been treated so handrejoice th
somely.
Courting in Church.-A young gentlenan happened to sit at church in a pew ad-
joining one in which was a young lady, for joining one in which was a young lady, for
whom he conceived a sudden and violent passion, and felt desirious of entering into a courtship on the spot, but the place not suit-
ing a formal deelaration, the exigency sugested the following plan: He politely han tuck in the following verse : Second Epistle of John,verse 7 th-" And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new command-
nent unto you, but that which we had from he beginning, that we love one another." She returned it, with the following: Second Chapter of Ruth, 10 th verse-"Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the
ground, and said unto him, why have I ground, and said unto him, why have I
grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take notice of me, seeing that 1 am a stranger ?" He returned the book pointing to the 13th verse of the Third Epistle of John - "I had many things to write, but I will not with shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face." From the above interview the marriage took place the following week Never get angry, It does no good.
Some sins have a seeming compensation or apology in present gratification of some sort, for it: It is really a torment. Another re son for never getting angry is that there is so little that can happen that is worth getting angry about.

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