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## By Telegraph

### RUINED FISHERIES AGREEMENT.

### Value of the Pope's Presents.

### DEATH OF PROFESSOR ASA GRAY.

### Ice-Gorge on the Mississippi.

### TURKEY ASKS RUSSIA TO EXPLAIN.

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 1.

It is rumored that the Fisheries Conference has agreed that American vessels be allowed to fish in Canadian waters. The headlands question will be referred to arbitration.

The Pope's presents value ten million dollars. The death of Professor Asa Gray is announced.

[Asa Gray, M.D., L.L.D., was born at Paris, New York, Nov. 18, 1810. He graduated M.D. at Fairfield Medical College, in 1831, but soon relinquished the practice of medicine, and devoted himself, under Professor Torrey, of New York, to the study of botany. In 1834 he received the appointment of Botanist of the United States Exploring Expedition, but he declined it. In 1842 he was elected Fisher Professor of Natural History in Harvard College. In addition to his lectures at Cambridge, he delivered three courses of lectures before the Lowell Institute in Boston; published in 1836 his "Elements of Botany," enlarged into the "Botanical Text-book;" and in 1838 commenced, with Dr. Torrey, "The Flora of North America." He published in 1848 the "Manual of Botany for the Northern United States," and the first volume of the "Genera Boreo-Americana Illustrata;" and the first volume of his "Botany of the United States Pacific Exploring Expedition, under Captain Wilkes," in 1854. He since published the following works, mostly text-books: "How Plants Grow;" "Lessons in Botany, with drawings from Nature;" "The School and Field-book of Botany;" "The Manual of Botany;" "Structural and Systematic Botany" (new edition, 1879), a revised edition of the "Botanical Text-book," with 1,300 illustrations; "Flora of the Southern United States;" "Free Examination of Darwin's Treatise," 1861; "Darwiniana," 1876; "New Flora of North America," 1878; "Natural Science and Religion," 1880. He visited Europe in 1838-9, and again in 1850-51, and contributed numerous papers to scientific periodicals and to the Transactions of learned societies. In 1874 he was chosen one of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and in 1878 the Académie des Sciences of Paris elected him a corresponding member in the Section of Botany.]

An ice-gorge in the Mississippi, at St. Louis, destroyed four steamers with other property worth a million and a half dollars.

Turkey will ask Russia to explain the massing of troops on the frontier.

## FROM CAPE RACE.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CAPE RACE, This Evening.

Wind N. E., blowing strong, and weather fine. No vessels sighted.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction—beef, mutton & poultry... Clift, Wood & Co  
Auction—beef, apples, onions, etc... James Hynes  
Grand masquerade carnival... Parade Rink  
A sociable... Congregational Church Basement  
Preliminary notice... Alex. C. Skinner  
Sons of temperance meeting... Old Temperance Hall  
Dwelling house for sale... C. B. Rankin  
Fresh frozen herring... John B. Curran & Co  
Strayed—a black pup... return to John Regan  
Wanted—cattle and calves... R. M. Courtney

**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 50 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.

**Shingles. Shingles.**  
NOW LANDING,  
Ex "Zepho," from Clarke's Beach,  
AT BROOKING'S  
118 M Prime Fir Shingles,  
W. F. Horwood's celebrated make.  
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**COAL. Sydney COAL.**  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.  
THE UNDERSIGNED—TO SUIT THE TIMES—begs to intimate to the Public, that he has opened A COAL STORE, at the corner George Street and Williams Lane, where he is prepared to sell Wholesale and Retail. You can buy from 10-cis. worth to 10 Ton.  
—ALSO—  
A Cargo Afloat of a 130 Tons,  
Ex schooner "C. Tupper," to be opened  
jan26,1m,8fp PTK. BUCKLEY.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### AUCTION SALES.

FRESH BEEF, MUTTON AND POULTRY.

To-Morrow, Thursday, at 11 o'clock,  
ON THE WHARF OF  
**CLIFT, WOOD & Co.,**  
50 quarters Prime Fat P. E. I. BEEF,  
20 carcass Prime Fat P. E. I. MUTTON,  
And at 12 o'clock,  
50 GEESE, 50 PAIR FOWL. febl

To-Morrow, Thursday, at 11 o'clock,  
**By JAMES HYNES,**  
[At his Rooms, opposite Messrs. Job, Brothers & Co.]  
15 quarters Prime Fresh Beef,  
10 B BLS APPLES, 5 BOXES ORANGES, 10  
backs hazel nuts, 20 tins ground peas, 10  
boxes biscuits, 25 cheese, 50 hams, 50 tubs butter, 30 brls  
flour, 10 brls pigs' heads, 5 brls mess beef, and at 12  
o'clock: 50 doz cabbage. febl

## ON SALE,

At the City Auction Sale Rooms,

— FRESH —  
**FROZEN — HERRING.**  
febl JOHN B. CURRAN & Co.

## NOTICE!

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO OUR FIRM  
are requested to make payment at our office, of  
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Accounts due 31st Dec'r last,  
BEFORE THE 8th FEBRUARY NEXT,  
After which date payment will be enforced.  
j23,4fp,30,1,7 J. & W. BOYD.

## S. U. F.

The Eighth Annual Soiree,  
under the auspices of  
**ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 5, S. U. F.**  
—will be held in—  
**ST. PATRICK'S HALL, ON THURSDAY  
EVENING, 9th FEBRUARY NEXT.**

### COST OF TICKETS:

LADY AND GENTLEMAN.....\$1.70  
GENTLEMAN.....1.20  
LADY.....0.70

To be had from the Members of the Committee, viz.:  
Alexander Ewing, S. Edney, W. D. Pippy, Jas. L.  
Noonan, Jr., A. Edgecombe, William Bartlett, George  
Langmead, Jr., W. J. Cook, J. T. Phillips, E. Whitten,  
Thomas Ewing, J. A. Chitt—Chairman.

Dancing to begin at Eight o'clock. Refreshments will be served on side tables during the evening (gratis).  
CATERER—Mr. Goudie. MUSIC by Professor Bennett's Band.  
E. H. DAVEY,  
Secretary Committee.  
jan25,6fp,eod

## C. E. T. S.

**A Tea Meeting & Entertain't,**  
(in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society, Cathedral Branch), will take place in  
**ST. PATRICK'S HALL**  
On Tuesday, 7th February, 1888.  
Tea on the tables at 7 o'clock.

Price of Tickets: - - - 45 cents each.  
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Tickets may be obtained from the following members of the committee:—E. W. Bennett, (at C. F. Bennett & Co.) John Smith, (Tessier's) A. W. Millar, (Dade's) S. Pike, (Hamilton Street) Jno. Graham, (Cook's Town) Jos. Pearcey, (North Street) and E. Chapman, (Bowring Bros.)  
jan27,eod,fp

Those Delicious "Sixpenny" Hams,  
{ WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED: }  
{ NINE CASES MORE OF THOSE }

Delicious "Sixpenny" Hams,  
which we are now selling at McBRIDE'S HILL at the low price of only SIXPENCE per pound, for nett cash only.  
jan27,fp JAMES MURRAY.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME OF SELECT MUSIC

will be rendered by Professor Bennett's Brass and String Bands, at the

## Grand Masquerade, at the Parade Rink,

—WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE—

### On To-Morrow (Thursday) Ev'g, Feb. 2nd,

(Ice permitting). The Double Bass, that have lately been purchased, will be used on this occasion.

### PROGRAMME:

- |                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Grand Opening March | Skaters' Carnival.          |
| 2 Waltz               | Little Beauties.            |
| 3 Waltz               | Day Dreams.                 |
| 4 Schottische         | Bright Eyes.                |
| 5 Waltz               | Maid of the Mill.           |
| 6 Waltz               | Soiree de Etta.             |
| 7 Schottische         | Dark Eyes.                  |
| 8 Waltz               | Winner Bon Bons.            |
| 9 Waltz               | Rose, Thistle and Shamrock. |
| 10 Galop              | Full of Mirth.              |
| 11 Schottische        | Awfully Jolly.              |

On this occasion the Ice will be reserved for maskers only. The Maskers are requested to enter by the Side door, so as to avoid confusion at the Main entrance. The Carriers' Ice will be covered in, and there will be sufficient accommodation for spectators down stairs, as well as the galleries.  
febl,2fp

ADMISSION: Spectators, 10 cents.

## THEATRE. T. A. HALL

Friday, February 3rd,

## CAPT. KYD;

—OR, THE—  
**WIZARD OF THE SEA!**

Admission: Twenty and Ten Cents.  
T. A. DRAMATIC COMPANY.  
january28,3fp,s,m,w

## AT PARNELL'S!

**.. We have ..**  
**A VERY .. CHOICE .. THREE-SHILLING .. TEA**

Our 2s. 6d. TEA is the best in the market!  
**F. PARNELL,**  
131 WATER STREET.  
january30,fp

## STANDARD - MARBLE - WORKS.

287 New Gower Street, St. John's, Nfld.  
I invite the public to inspect my large and very excellent stock  
—OF—  
Headstones, Monuments, Tombs, Mantelpieces, &c.,  
At rates sufficiently reasonable to defy competition. I guarantee solid stock and the best of workmanship. Outport orders solicited. Designs cheerfully furnished by letter or otherwise. Special reduction on all goods ordered during winter months.  
JAMES MCINTYRE.  
jan28,1m,sw,fp

FRESH FRESH FRESH  
**Turkeys. Ducks. Geese.**

—LANDING EX "PORTIA" AND FOR SALE BY—  
**James & Wm. Pitts,**  
FRESH TURKEYS.  
FRESH DUCKS.  
FRESH GESE.  
FRESH CHICKEN.  
january17,fp

Just Received,  
**12 ton bright Scotch SUGAR**  
SELLING AT LOWEST MARKET RATES.  
WATER STREET, NEAR JOB'S,  
GEORGE E. BEARNS.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

#### An Open Meeting

OF UNION DIVISION, NO. 8, S. OF T., WILL be held in the OLD TEMPERANCE HALL, on THURSDAY EVENING. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by well-known Temperance workers. All are cordially invited.  
febl,2fp

## A SOCIABLE

WILL be held in the Basement of the Congregational Church, on TO-MORROW (Thursday) EVENING, at 7.45, on behalf of New School Organ Fund. A varied and interesting Programme has been prepared, and a pleasant Evening may be expected.  
febl,2fp ADMISSION—TWENTY CENTS.

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

## The Annual Festival

COCHRANE STREET METHODIST S. SCHOOL will be held in the Basement of Cochrane Street Church, on Thursday, 16th February. Particulars later on.  
febl,ws,fp A. C. SKINNER, Sec. Com.

## For Sale by Private Contract

A COMMODIOUS DOUBLE TENEMENT  
**Dwelling House,**  
(IN BRITISH SQUARE),  
Yielding a yearly rental of Forty-Five Pounds. Perpetual Lease. Ground Rent Thirteen Dollars per annum. Apply to  
C. B. RANKIN,  
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## City Club, Limited.

THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Club Rooms, Water Street, on THURSDAY EVENING, the 2nd February, at 8 o'clock.

EDWARD SHEA,  
jan31,3fp Secretary.

## Molasses. Molasses.

ON SALE BY  
**P. & L. TESSIER,**  
—CHOICE—

## Barbados .. Molasses,

jan31,2fp in puncheons, tins, and brls.

## Oats & Bran!

NOW LANDING,  
Ex schooner "Ceylon," from Halifax, at the wharf of  
(late) BROOKING & Co.,

## 15 Tons Fresh Bran, in bags.

—5,000 BUSHELS—  
**HEAVY BLACK OATS.**  
jan31,fp JAMES MURRAY.

## CATTLE .. FEED.

For Sale by  
**P. & L. TESSIER,**  
—100 BAGS—

## Jersey Meal.

FOR SALE,  
**1 SLEIGH, in good order.**  
dec2 JOHN S. SIMMS.

**STRAYED:**  
From the premises of the subscriber—a few days since—a BLACK PUP, with white ring round neck, white paws, white tip to tail—double nose. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to this office, or to  
febl,3f JOHN REGAN, Water Street.

**WANTED:**  
A FLAIN COOK and HOUSEMAID  
References required. Apply at this office. jan3,fp

**WANTED:**  
To purchase—50 HEAD OF CATTLE; also—A FEW CALVES. Highest cash prices paid.  
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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.

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

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.

John Score.

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 COOD STORIES! ON SALE BY CLIFT, WOOD & CO., 50 BOXES.

Morrill's Celebrated Mould Candles, 6's and 8's - 25-lbs. per box. Ex "Pioneer."

FOR SALE BY 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 20-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.

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OLD-TIME SONGS

How MANY of the popular songs of twenty years ago can the old boys of to-day recall? How many of the old melodies that thrilled them in the days of their hot youth have found an abiding place in their memory?

Sharing "Ben Bolt's" popularity during the same period were two songs widely sung by Dan Emmett, Dan Bryant, and other minstrels. These were "Nellie Gray" and "O, Susannah!" both depicting the sufferings of slave-lovers.

"My charming Nellie Gray, They have taken you away, And I'll never see my darling any more," was heard on every side and voiced by every tongue.

"Don't you cry for me," was based on the consoling fact that "I'm going to Alabama with the banjo on my knee." The pessimistic strain in which the fate of a certain "old nigger," popularly known as "Uncle Ned," was bemoaned was well known before "Nellie Gray" or "Susannah" appeared.

THE WILL OF THE LATE SIR W. M'ARTHUR.

THE will and two codicils of the late Alderman Sir Wm. M'Arthur, K.C.M.G., formerly M.P., for Lambeth, just proved shows the personal estate in the United Kingdom amounts to 120,937.2s.5d.

A beautiful song, truly pathetic, obtained great popularity in both North and South during the war. This was Florence Percy's "Rock me to sleep, mother."

popular music during and just after the war. He was then in the full blaze of his glory. Since then the blaze has degenerated to a spark, and that is threatening to go out.

"I feel just as happy as a big sunflower That nods and bends to the breezes, And my heart is as light as the wind that blows The leaves from off the trees."

he was pronounced unapproachable. Of the same date is that ridiculous composition, "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines." W. H. Lingard brought it over from London and first sang it in his lightening changes.

A Degrading and Disgusting Spectacle. WHAT AN "INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FIGHT" MEANS.

ON Sunday morning the vicar of Emanuel Church, Nottingham, made a sensation in his church by boldly denouncing the Prince of Wales and the newspaper press for their share in the revival of prize-fighting.

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Choice Vegetables

ON SALE BY CLIFT, WOOD & CO., 5 brls. Carrots, 5 brls. Beetroot.

Choice Eating Potatoes, FOR SALE AT 249 WATER ST., WEST.

W. H. Eales.

ON SALE, By DRYER & GREENE, Fresh Venison, Herring & Codfish.

Wax, Mould & Colonial Sperm Candles. For Sale by Clift, Wood & Co.'s, 50 BOXES MOULD CANDLES, 25 Bxs Colored Wax Candles, 20 Bxs Colonial Sperm Candles.

A Bazaar

OF FANCY AND USEFUL ARTICLES WILL BE held at Spaniards' Bay, in November next. Proceeds for the erection of a Methodist Parsonage.

2 PIANOS, For Sale or Hire, J. H. MARTIN, 100 WATER STREET.

BAKING POWDER

Perfection Baking Powder.

Perfection Baking Powder. Price: 40 cents per can. JOHN A. EDENS.

Preserve : Your : Sight

FRANK LAZARUS, (Late of the firm of Lazarus & Morris). Renowned Spectacles & Eye Glasses.

Freight from Boston. Brigantine 'PLYMOUTH'.

FOR SALE. By Dryer & Greene, BALTIMORE OYSTERS.

For Sale By DRYER & GREENE, Russian Chime Sleigh Bells.

CRYSTALIZED SUGAR

10 brls Crystallized SUGAR, 10 brls Graulated SUGAR.

WANTED: Immediately, in a very small family, a steady, reliable person as GENERAL SERVANT.

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## LAND IS THE BASIS OF WEALTH!

A safe and valuable investment. Substantial Christmas and New Year Presents for your wife, your boys and your girls. Don't let this opportunity go by.

**FATHERS!—YOUR BOYS WANT A HOME, AND THE MOST HANDSOME, VALUABLE AND ACCEPTABLE PRESENT YOU CAN GIVE AS A CHRISTMAS BOX OR NEW YEAR GIFT TO YOUR WIFE, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS IS A DEED OF A MOST PLEASANTLY-SITUATED AND ELIGIBLE BUILDING LOT,** having a frontage of 40 feet, with a rearage of 100 feet, conveniently-situated in the suburbs of the city. The lots are neatly arranged, and handsomely and ornamentally laid out; the locality most desirable, healthy and invigorating, and the price within the means of all. Only think of it—valuable Building Lot to present to your wife, your son, or daughter as a gift on Xmas or New Year's morning. Every merchant, lawyer, doctor, professor, office-holder, clerk, tradesman, and all others, should purchase. Very accommodating terms will be given to all who may not be in a position to pay all the cash down. Buy a lot for yourself, your wife, and one for each of your children. Why not own a home of your own in this healthy, happy and prosperous island? secure your lots now—day—while cheap; a small investment that will return double the money inside of one year. The subscriber would respectfully request you to call at his office and learn of the remarkable advantages and unparalleled offers he is making the public.

The office is centrally situated on Water Street, opposite R. Harvey's dry goods store, and you can come in and see us, whether you purchase or not, where all information you may require will be cheerfully given, and plans submitted for your inspection.

T. W. SPRY, Real Estate Broker.

## POTATOES AND OATS.

For Sale by  
**CLIFT, WOOD & Co.,**

The cargo of the schr. "Four Brothers," from Georgetown, consisting of:  
600 barrels Choice Potatoes,  
400 bus. Heavy Black Oats,  
produce of P. E. Island.

## ON SALE BY

**P. & L. Tessier**  
OAK PLANK,  
1 1/2, 3, 3 1/2 and 4 inch, long lengths.

QUEBEC PINE DECKING—3 inch, 6 and 7 inches wide, long lengths.  
OAK BALKS—60 and 65 feet long, 18x19.  
GREENHEART PLANK—1 1/2, 2, 3 and 4 in.  
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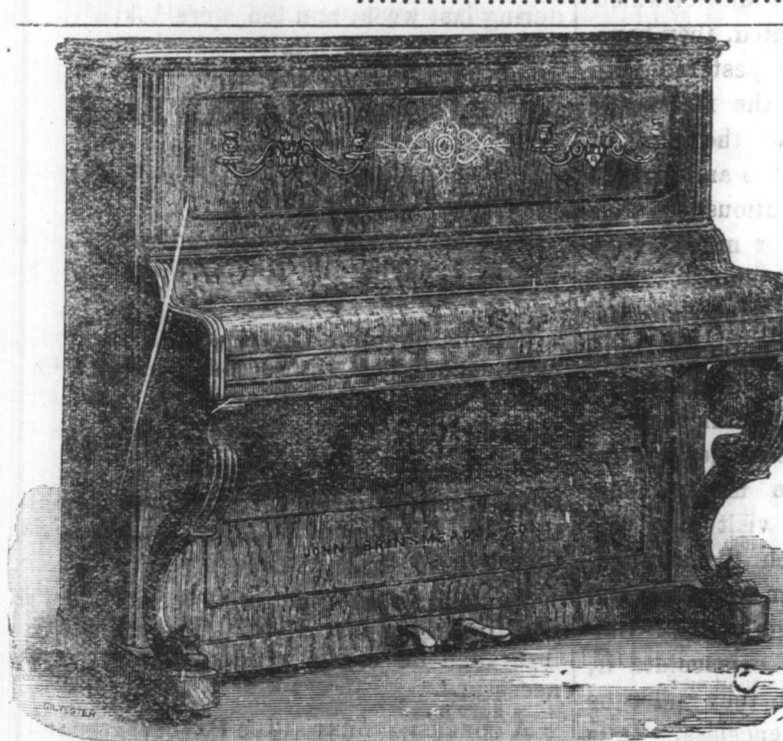
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The importance of the transactions of the Phoenix Fire Office may be estimated from the fact that since its establishment—now over one hundred years—the payments in satisfaction of Claims for Losses have exceeded Fourteen Millions Sterling.

Insurances against loss by Fire and Lightning are effected by the Company upon every description of Property, on the most favorable terms.

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WE are now selling some of the finest specimens of Pianos ever imported into Newfoundland. For beauty, artistic design and mechanical action they cannot be excelled. They are recommended by the principal musicians of St. John's as the acme of perfection, from the mechanical as well as the musical stand-point.

They have the Brinsmead patent—cheque repeater-action, that dampness will not affect.

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FOR FIRE AND LIFE.

Capital Three Million Pounds, Sterling £3,000,000

Fire premiums in 1881 amounted to	£444,596 13 7
Being an increase of	30,663 17 9
upon the revenue of 1869.	
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The undersigned has been recently empowered to effect Insurances on all kinds of property in Newfoundland, at current rates of premium.

This above Company is well known for its liberality and promptness in settling losses.

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A. O. HAYWARD, St. John's, Agent for Newfoundland.

## THE OLDEST INSURANCE COMPANY IN THE WORLD

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Insurances effected upon almost every description of Property at the current rates of premium.

Total sum insured in 1885 £327,523,700.

W. H. BARR, SON & CO., Agents for Newfoundland.

# Walton Court;

OR—  
ADELAIDE CAMERON'S "SHADOW LOVE."

By the Author of Dora Thorne.

CHAPTER XXVIII.  
(Continued.)

Margarita bowed; she did not like this officious, shrewd-faced woman, who looked at her with such keen, calculating eyes.

'I will do my best,' she promised, stiffly.

Soon afterward the interview, much to the relief of all concerned, ended. Adelaide was impatient to have madame's verdict as to her new friend.

'Since you ask me,' said madame, ceremoniously, 'I must reply. I agree with you that she is beautiful as an old Spanish picture, and not unlike one.'

'And you think her clever?'

'Yes,' replied madame, with some reserve; 'she is clever enough, I am sure, for anything.'

'But you do not like her, madame? Say so frankly. I feel sure of it,' said Adelaide, quickly.

'You are right, my dear,' admitted madame—'I do not like her. I have three impressions about her.'

'What are they?' asked Adelaide.

'In the first place, I do not believe she is what she seems to be; there was a kind of constraint about her that was not natural. Then I am sure she is playing a part of some kind or other, I cannot tell what, and, lastly, I am sure she does not like you.'

'I think you are mistaken,' rejoined Adelaide.

'My dear child, you are young, trusting, and generous. I am old, and perhaps too worldly wise, but I am shrewd and keen. It is seldom that I make a mistake as to character, or in my reading of women or men. I hope it may all be right, but I do not think it is. Remember my warning, if ever you are inclined to trust this Miss Avenel.'

'But,' remonstrated Adelaide, 'what about Lady Davenant?'

'My dear Adelaide,' said madame, impatiently, 'you make me rude. Lady Davenant is a social bat—neither more nor less.'

And with Adelaide's laughter the subject dropped.

CHAPTER XXIX.

The change was effected. Mme. de Valmy, with many tears and many warnings, had gone, and Margarita Avenel occupied her place. Nothing could have equalled the young heiress' warm and kindly welcome.

'You must look upon my home as your home,' she said, 'and you must make yourself as happy as though you were living with your own sister.'

Margarita's face relaxed at the words.

'You are like sunshine,' she said; 'you warm every heart that comes near you. I do not think any one could help being happy with you.'

And then Miss Cameron showed her the pretty rooms prepared for her. They afterward selected some books, Margarita's favorites, then dined, and then spent their first evening together.

Margarita suggested a promenade, but Adelaide did not care for it. She looked into her companion's face and smiled.

'I am not used to crying,' she said—'it is rather a rare event with me; but I cried very much when madame left me this morning, and it has made my head ache. I prefer to sit here. Perhaps you will sing to me. I can almost imagine what your singing voice is like.'

Margarita looked very beautiful in her evening dress. It was of plain black net; and she wore no ornament save a deep crimson rose in her bodice and one in the coils of her black hair.

Adelaide looked laughingly at her.

'You must be of Spanish extraction, Miss Avenel,' she said. And Margarita told her, as she had told Lord Eylestone, that she inherited her dark face from a Spanish ancestor.

'Will you sing to me now?' asked Adelaide.

'That is, if you feel no disinclination.' If at any time I ask you to do anything that is unpleasant to you, you must be sure to tell me.'

'There is nothing I like better than singing,' said Margarita, as she went to the piano.

The sapphire light was dying out of the sky, there was on the water a golden tinge which came from the setting sun, a faint odor of sweet flowers in the air. Margarita sat down

to the piano; the soft dreamy spirit of the hour possessed her—the music that stole from her fingers was sad and sweet. She sang in a low rich voice that was full of passion and tenderness—sung so sweetly and sadly of love and absence and sorrow that the tears came to Adelaide's eyes. If they could but have known that the music meant the same for both, that the thoughts of each had gone over the sea, that the sadness and the tenderness were all for one object! When she could bear it no longer, Adelaide said, gently—

'You are making my heart ache—you make me feel as though I had lost all I ever loved. What power there is in your music!'

'Perhaps you like gay songs best?' said Margarita.

'Not as a rule; but to-night, yes—the music you are playing is so sad. Did you ever, Miss Avenel, read one of Browning's ballets beginning—

'"Beautiful Evelyn Hope is dead—  
Sit and watch by her side an hour?"'

'No, I do not remember to have seen it,' replied Margarita.

'There are two lines in it that strikes me as being very applicable to you,' said Adelaide—'and they are pretty lines, too—

'"The good stars met in your horoscope,  
Made you of spirit, fire, and dew;"'

'I do not think good stars met in my horoscope,' observed Margarita, sadly; but Adelaide seemed bent on pursuing the idea.

'It is a beautiful idea,' she said—'one of Browning's best. It is of a young girl—'beautiful Evelyn Hope"—lying dead, and the man who comes to sit by her side for an hour is the man who loves her. Listen to this last verse, Miss Avenel—

'"I loved you, Evelyn, all the while—  
My heart seemed full as it could hold;  
There was space and to spare for the frank young smile,  
And the red young mouth, and the hair's young gold.  
So hush! I will give you this leaf to keep;  
See—I shut it inside the sweet, cold hand.  
There—that is our secret; go to sleep—  
You will wake and remember and understand."

Is it not beautiful, Miss Avenel? Can you not fancy the lover gathering the rich crimson geranium leaf, and placing it in the dead hand?'

'It is beautiful, but unreal,' said Margarita; 'and the idea, though so poetical, is more heathenish than Christian.'

'Why?' asked Adelaide, looking at her in wonder.

'Ah! Miss Cameron, I cannot explain myself. I have not the gift of many words; but I begin to think human love has in it as much of pain as of happiness; and when we have been through it—through its fire and its sorrow—when we have slept the long sleep of death—we shall not awaken to human love again.'

'Would you not like so to wake?' asked Adelaide, in a low voice.

The dark troubled eyes had in them a strange light.

'No, I think not,' she replied. 'We shall not wake to the memories that a crimson geranium leaf can recall. Your ballad is pretty, but it is unreal, Miss Cameron.'

'Do you think all love is full of pain?' asked Miss Cameron, slowly.

'Seeing that it is human, one feels inclined to assert that it must be so. It cannot be perfect—it must have in it as much of pain as of happiness.'

'But of what pain?' asked Adelaide.

'The pain of misunderstanding, of jealousy, of wrong—the pain of finding that the whole rich treasure of a loving heart has been given in vain—the pain of finding that where we have given perfect trust and implicit confidence we have not met with them in return.'

'I should say the pain of loving in vain was greater than any other,' said Adelaide, slowly; 'and yet your melancholy vein cannot be the correct one. Listen to what Browning says again—

'"God above  
Is great to grant, as mighty to make,  
And creates the love to reward the love:  
I claim you still for my own love's sake."

Moreover, he a great poet, does not seem to think human love dies; he sings—

'"Delayed it may be for more lives yet;  
Through worlds I shall traverse, not a few;  
Much is to learn, and much to forget,  
Ere the time be come for taking you."

You see Miss Avenel he thinks that after long ages have passed we may renew this human love that was broken by death.

'What would you do with me, in fine. In the new life come in the old life's stead?'

quoted Adelaide, and then she laughed.

'What a gulf of sentiment we have fallen into! It is all the fault of Evelyn Hope. Browning's ballads have one peculiar effect on me—they haunt me. I took up a book with "Evelyn Hope" in it this morning, and the words have returned to me, until now I know them by heart.'

(To be continued.)

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ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 1, 1888.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

An Effort to Reconstruct the Party.  
PROPOSALS AND COUNTER PROPOSALS.  
A Few Words of Warning.

Now that the great sensation of the season—the Governor's lecture—is over, and while we are awaiting the Volunteer Committee's report of their interview with the Executive, it may not be amiss to turn our attention for a short time to the political outlook. A remarkable reticence, with respect to public matters, has prevailed here during the past few weeks—so remarkable, indeed, that the casual observer would almost be inclined to think people had lost all interest in politics.

Is such really the case? Have the different classes in this community been so imposed upon, and bamboozled by Government after Government, that they now cease to care who our rulers are, or to what extent the public treasury is being plundered? No, no! We are certain this is not the case. The people still take some interest in the concerns of the Commonwealth, and are still anxious that existing abuses should be reformed and the public service performed in an honest and efficient manner.

But while such is the case with respect to the people generally, it is, at the same time, very obvious that the political and politico-mercantile sections take another view of the situation altogether. These were never more deeply interested in political matters than they are at this very moment. Some of them, especially the last mentioned section, are no longer able to earn an easy living in their "natural occupation"—the fish-buying and fish-exporting business. Hence their anxiety to have sufficient influence with the governing party to secure subsidies and other "considerations" as aids to their legitimate trade.

It may be truthfully said of this class that they take no stock at all in principle. With them it is a matter of very little importance who occupies the office of Premier, or how the Executive is constituted, denominationally or otherwise, so long as they control both and are sure to have their claims allowed, no matter how exorbitant these may be. Business men who are at present in receipt of subsidies would do anything rather than run the risk of having them withdrawn; while those who are not so bountifully blessed by the Commonwealth, and who still languish for access to the public treasury, stand around the offices of the Colonial Building, "with hat in hand," ready to accept any compromise that would give them a share of the spoils.

Such, then, are the environments of the Opposition to-day, and such are some of the difficulties with which the Leader thereof has now to contend. It is not our intention here to dictate to him as to how he should act under these circumstances. He is a gentleman of large experience in politics, and the people of Newfoundland are sufficiently acquainted with his general conduct to feel warranted in placing more confidence in him, as a leader, than in any other man at present in public life here.

Sir William Whiteway, too, knows perfectly well by this time how to discriminate between those who may be safely trusted and those who may not. The Judases who betrayed him in 1885 while their kisses were still warm upon his too-confiding lips, have not yet sufficiently repented of their sins of ingratitude to justify him in restoring them to favor. It is, therefore, unreasonable, as well as unjust, to suppose that he could ever again believe in their sincerity—at any rate, until their new professions of friendship have been put to a rigid and searching test.

On the other hand, there are honest, sturdy men, and enough of them, ready to stand by Sir William and faithfully co-operate with him in every prudent measure for the public good. Some of the latter sternly opposed him for years; but they did so on principle, not because of jealousy and personal spite. These are now prepared to fall into line with his new policy of progress and to support him through thick and thin, so long as his motives continue to be actuated by a desire to improve the condition and prospects of the people.

Now, then, Sir William Whiteway has to choose between the ungrateful men who betrayed him in 1885, and those who at that time honestly opposed him because they could not indorse the policy of his party, but who are now prepared to accept a modified platform. The latter may be depended upon: they are capable of being unbending in their allegiance as steel. The former, well, enough has already been said about their selfishness and general unreliability. We leave the decision, for the present, with Sir William, feeling assured that his choice will be a prudent and popular one.

WHO DISCOVERED AMERICA?

In our first paper on this subject we briefly traced the successive steps which led to the discovery of America by the hardy inhabitants of Northern Europe, showing that Iceland and Greenland were these "successive steps" by which descent upon the New World was made from the north by the maritime Norsemen who inhabited Norway and Sweden. That this theory is a correct one, not only the contents of the Icelandic manuscripts recently given to the world attest, but it is also a reasonable one bearing all the marks of truth that circumstantial evidence can afford. All history attests that the Norsemen were venturesome and explorative; their occupation of the two great northern islands we have named is indisputable, and the probabilities are all in favor of such an accidental discovery of the New World, as Biron, in search of his father, and on the way to Greenland, reputedly made. The geographical probabilities are all in favor of the claim, as the map shows us, for the nearest point of America to Greenland is not more distant than Greenland from Iceland, or Iceland from Norway. To suppose that men like these early adventurers, who were always looking for new fields to raid and conquer, would think anything of a three or four days' sail from one land to another, is not consistent with what we know of their analogous history, tendencies and career. In fact, as some one has already said on this subject, it would be much more difficult to discredit their manuscript claims than to admit and believe them.

With regard to the degree of their heroism, and the extent of their hardships, in discovering the new world, we think, on examination, these will compare very favorably with those of the late Southern navigator, Columbus, as the candid reader will admit, on more extended examination. The ruling motive in both cases was that curiously mixed one which animates, and has animated, men to make discoveries from the earliest ages, namely, a desire to acquire new possessions. That Biron was fairly entitled to the credit of his discovery, though an accidental one, few will be disposed to deny; for any man engaged in original research is always fully entitled to any accidental discoveries he may happen to make within the paths of legitimate investigation. It is thus generally conceded in connection with experiments in chemistry and the allied sciences. Much more so then when a man voyaging to a new land is driven out of his course by providential causes, and undergoes whatever privations this involuntary deviation involves. But apart from that, it must be quite evident to the intelligent observer that even if Biron had not made his accidental discovery in the year 1,000, the cumulative and aggressive researches of his wandering tribe would inevitably have led them to America within a few years at the latest. This will be made clear as we proceed with the narrative.

After wintering (as is supposed) on the coast of Massachusetts or Rhode Island during the winter of 1,000, as already described, in the spring Leif returned to Iceland; and the accounts of his discoveries had the result of stimulating others to prosecute the work of exploration. Another expedition sailed in the year 1004, under the care of Thorwald, who seems to have profited by his predecessor's experiences, and steered a more direct course for the American coast. Coming to a peculiarly shaped headland, opposite to another with a fine bay between, he named it Keel Cape. This is supposed to have been Cape Cod. Doubling this, Thorwald continued his course until he arrived at a fine promontory, beautifully wooded, which so charmed him that he resolved to found a settlement there. On landing, they found three canoes, under each of which were three Indians, or Skraelings as they called them, the latter being the name for the Eskimos. This was the first meeting of Europeans and the aboriginal inhabitants of North America, and its result was a foretaste of the many bloody encounters destined to occur in after years between the settler and the savage. The natives seemingly were in no wise alarmed at the advent of the white strangers, and stood their ground manfully. In the fight which ensued, however, the superiority of the white man was soon apparent, and eight out of the nine were slain. The other managed to effect his escape, and soon returned with a considerable company of his tribe. Thorwald and his men were compelled to retreat to their ship; but, unfortunately, the commander of the expedition himself received a mortal wound in the fight. An arrow pierced him under the right arm, and he soon became aware that his end was nigh. His last words were instructions to bury him on the promontory he had thought so fair, and then make their way home as speedily as they conveniently could. After carrying out their leader's instructions as to his burial, the party sailed to Lelbuthir, where they passed the winter, and in the following spring returned to Greenland.

The next voyage was a complete failure.

Thornstein, third son of Eric the Red, embarked along with his wife; but after being driven about by tempestuous winds all summer, they quite lost their reckoning. The winter season was already come when they succeeded in reaching the western coast of Greenland, where they were obliged to remain. Here Thornstein died; and in the following spring his widow brought the ship back to Eric'sford. The object of this expedition was to recover the body of Thorwald and bring it home to Greenland; but instead of succeeding in his purpose, poor Thornstein found a grave himself far from his home and kindred.

In the summer of the following year (1006) a much more important expedition was fitted out for the further investigation of the new continent. The expedition was under the command of Thorfinn, surnamed the Hopeful. He was a man of wealth, and was descended from illustrious ancestors, some being of royal rank. However, if the old manuscripts are correct, his blood must have been anything but pure, as among the more worthy of his "forebears" are said to have been Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, Scottish, and Irish persons of high and powerful station! When the festival of Yule arrived, the customary festivities were observed in true Scandinavian fashion. Thorfinn was captivated by the charms of Gudrida—Thornstein's widow—and she, having evidently forgot her sorrows, became his wife before the expedition sailed. It consisted of three ships and one hundred and forty men. An attempt was to be made to found a permanent colony, and all sorts of necessaries were taken on board ship, including live-stock and domestic animals of every description. At last, everything was in readiness, and the expedition set sail. Hellaland was the first touched at, then Woodland, where abundance of wild animals were met with. At these places, however, they did not delay, but pressed southwards to more favoured lands. Keel Cape was sighted and passed, after which they coasted along a great tract of sandy beach till they came to where a fiord of firth ran a great way inland. At the mouth of the firth was an island, and both here and farther up the estuary strong currents were encountered, which considerably retarded their progress. The island they called Straume, or Stream-island; and the firth, Straum-fjord. The island is conjectured to have been that now known as Martha's Vineyard; and the firth would probably be Buzzard Bay. Here they remained for some time, exploring the country round about, and found it to be of a very fine description. To men accustomed to the bleak shores and unkindly climate of Greenland and Iceland, the magnificent summer climate and luxuriant vegetation of this southerly latitude must have been charming in the extreme.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The war-fever is still epidemic at the Commercial Rooms. There was another meeting of the "immortal few" yesterday, when Field-Marshal Oterbridge's plan of the first campaign was discussed and finally adopted. Splendid tributes were paid to the unrivalled military genius of the Field-Marshal, some of the "warriors bold"—including our own inimitable "Rupert"—regarding him as equal in that respect to even Count Von Moltke himself. We hope there'll be no harm done!

Last Sunday was known in Gower and Cochrane Street Methodist Churches as Thanksgiving Sunday, when the people were asked to give a thank-offering to God for His past mercies. The people gave willingly, and when the various sums put on the plates were added, the handsome sum of six hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-three cents (\$641.73) was announced as the offering for the day. The sums in which this amount was reached clearly showed that the people enjoyed "the luxury of giving."

The friends of Queen's Road Congregational Church are arranging for a "Sociable" in the basement to-morrow (Thursday) evening, commencing at 7.45. The object of the interesting affair is to obtain funds for the purchase of a new school organ. In addition to an excellent tea, members of the choir and others have prepared a charming programme of songs, solos, &c., for the occasion. So, you see, a very pleasant and profitable evening may be anticipated.

We believe the great event of the season is to be the Church of England Temperance Tea, to be held in St. Patrick's Hall on the 7th instant. The committee every year have earned the reputation of getting up a first-class meeting and entertainment; but this year they mean to excel themselves. They are leaving no stone unturned to make everything go smoothly, and to provide for the pleasure and comfort of their patrons. The tickets are selling fast at 45 cents each, and many who have not already bought them have "bespoken" them. Remember that delays are dangerous, and that "many" a Peri stood at the gate of Paradise last year and vainly sought admittance, as all things are said to be well here.

A GLANCE AT THE SITUATION.

The Cobbler Reigns Supreme.

PROBABLE EFFECT of the BALLOT ACT

Dwarfed Condition of the Merchant.

OTHER MATTERS of GENERAL INTEREST.

It was Charles Lamb who once observed that the birth of a new year is of interest too wide to be pretermitted by either king or cobbler. That may be true in a general sense, so far as England is concerned, but if outward observance count for anything, the saying applies with peculiar force to Newfoundland, the king and his government may be said to have entirely disappeared and "the cobbler reigns supreme."

A diminished and diminishing income is not a thing that presents itself wholly in the light of a blessing, even to the most ascetic mind. We can see now the economic disadvantage, rather than the moral beauty of the new position, in which it has pleased the present Government to place us. We share, to our misfortune, the fate of all who breathe an atmosphere unfavourable to the growth of justice.

THE BALLOT ACT

ushers in a new era in Newfoundland politics. By his unfortunate relationship to the fisherman, the merchant, originally, it may be, of promising human material, has been dwarfed and rendered incapable of perceiving what things are really lovely in life. He has identified virtue with his own desires, thus making confusion of right and wrong. The fishermen have too often and too long stood to him in the evil light of tardy payers—men lazy by nature, and grumblers by profession, who of late years have added to their sins by forgetting the respect due to the lords of pork and pound-cotton. Now, however, is the day of the merchant's moral regeneration. As his virtue could not be made to shine by force of its inner light, it has been kindled from without. In declaring that he must not interfere with the franchise of the fisherman, the law is touching the long disused springs of his higher impulses. For a space they will be unused to it, possibly recalcitrant; but the ultimate result will be sanative.

As for the fishermen, they have too long known the uses of adversity and experienced to the uttermost the pride and tyranny of power perverted. They have protested time and again against the injuries inflicted upon them, but without avail. Instead of securing that attention from constituted authority which the justness of their claims merited, they have been assailed with abuse and pestered with gratuitous advice not only by the mercantile body in whom selfishness had the plea of habit, but by their representatives and writers holding with well advertised cautiousness to a cast-iron theory of economics, or moved by a natural instinct of resistance to change. And the daily-increasing evils, were materially assisted into life and warmly defended until death, by a press guided on the one side by practical holiness and modulated ethics on the other. In connection with this matter a retro-spection far from agreeable must ensue. Surely a sense of shame will visit men who have abused the power which the arrangements of society permitted them to usurp; and if those who delayed the passage of the "Ballot Act," and finally helped to emasculate it, are now proud of their past, they must be peculiarly graceless and conscienceless. It is easy to talk of the sanctity of the law, and to take shelter behind the obdurate walls of a system that must be good because, forsooth, it exists. But the knowledge of suffering, and the moral sense quickened thereby, ultimately break through even these. There are, however, forces at work less subject to the legislative contract—forces that may be, as yet, only imperfectly discerned.

It would be wilful blindness to ignore the fact that the question of bettering the condition of Newfoundland is not entirely dependant upon either her Legislature or Executive councils. By whatever means it is to be brought about, improvement must primarily lie in the direction of considerable enlargement of the fishing interests in the out-harbors; and the mode in which this is to be obtained, with due regard to a developed sense of justice and reasonable foresight, may well call for the patient thought of the ablest amongst us. This fast and furious conflict between labor and capital; this strain between despondent hunger and luxurious bread-winner is a troublesome problem, but courage and sympathy in attack have succeeded before and will succeed again.

The present party came into power in October, 1885, and in order to avoid meeting their constituents they formed a coalition—an (in)expediency which, prior to the election, they had in unmeasured terms denounced. If any circumstance or contingency in life, more forcibly than another, suggests the cruel irony

of fate, it is the unenviable position which the present Government has, with bashful eagerness, been compelled to occupy.

On a superficial party unity or re-union, which merely skins over deep-seated divergencies of view, or is secured by concession of vital principles on the one side or the other, we place no value. Such a union cannot endure, it can not, under any circumstances, produce results worth the price that must be paid for it. Better, far, that the party of progress should accept temporary exclusion from political power, and content itself with the task of educating the newly-enfranchised masses to a fuller knowledge of their responsibilities and their rights, than that it should obtain an insecure control of the legislative and administrative functions of the state, through the adhesion of half-hearted allies, and then attempt to deal with the great problems of the time by inadequate or timorous measures of reform. All practical legislation is the result of compromise; but a compromise of essential principles can never be fruitful of real good.

(To be continued.)

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT.

Arrival of S.S. "Falcon."

SEALING PROSPECTS FAVORABLE.

Ten Taken in Nets Yesterday.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

GREENSPOND, This Afternoon.

A sad accident occurred near here on Tuesday night last, by which one young man named Joseph Gill lost his life by drowning and another narrowly escaped. They were going from Inner Islands to Pinchard's Island, a distance of about a mile on ice, and the night being thick and stormy, they went astray, and Gill fell through the ice. His companion made several attempts to rescue him, but each time as he was within his reach the ice sank beneath him and he barely escaped with his own life. Gill's body has not yet been recovered.

A man named John Taylor of Gooseberry Islands has had his hand badly shattered by an explosion of a gun. He is here for medical treatment.

The *Falcon* arrived here at noon yesterday. She had a smooth time and met no ice. The wind to-day is N.N.W., moderate, and weather very fine. Several seals were captured here during last week, and ten were taken in nets yesterday.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

"Music and the dance" will hold sway in the T. A. Hall to-night.

The mail steamer *Newfoundland* is on her way here, having left Halifax at 5 o'clock yesterday evening.

The barquentine *Corisande*, in salt, having made the quick run across from Cadiz in twenty days, is the only arrival here since yesterday.

The coastal boat *Curlwe* will leave on her route Westward after receiving her mails from the S.S. *Newfoundland*, due here on Friday forenoon.

The tug *Ingraham* towed the schooner *Zepho* to Brigus last night. The expiration of insurance on crafts renders this precaution necessary.

A CORRESPONDENT at the Harbor Grace Junction writes as follows: "The past two days over one hundred men are returning home, being used up and discharged."

The ladies and gentlemen taking part in the Benevolent Concert Chorus are requested to meet for practice to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at 7.30, in the Methodist College.

"CAPTAIN KYD" is a melodrama of the most sensational description, that never fails to interest the multitude; and the probability is that, with the superior cast from the T. A. Troupe, who will delineate it on Friday night, it will draw a crowded house.

The banking schooner *Delight*, Captain M. Boland, got in yesterday morning with a general cargo of American goods from Boston. She was fifteen days out; to Scatterie she met head winds and stormy seas, thence hither she came since Saturday morning last.

The following are some of the characters that will be represented at the Skating Carnival which takes place at the Parade Rink on to-morrow (Thursday) evening, ice permitting:—Terra Nova, Italian Flower Girl, Shepherdess, Haidie's Bean, Masher at the Rink, Fresh from School, Court Lady (Queen Elizabeth Period), Hibernian Minstrel, Lord Dandresay, Lady of Fashion, The May Queen, Dawn, and a great many others too numerous to mention—about 150 in all.

MARRIED.

On the 31st of January, by the Rev. G. Boyd, Richard Grant, of Bird Island Cove, to Susannah Porter, of St. John's.

DIED.

At Mobile, on the 27th January, after a protracted illness, Philip, eldest son of J. Robert and the late Margaret Davis, aged 15 years.—R.I.P.