

THE EVENING TELEGRAM.

Vol. 10. Price—One Cent. St. John's, N. F., Tuesday, February 28, 1888. \$3.00 Per Annum. No. 49.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction—beef, butter, jowls, etc..... James Hynes
Conversation—St. Andrew's Church..... see adv't
Auction—newspapers, magazines, etc..... Chas. Barnes
Auction—hardware, etc..... Star of the West
Auction—freehold property..... T. W. Spry
Superfines..... James Murray
For sale—a comfortable dwelling house..... J. A. Clift
North Sydney coal..... at Goodfellow & Co.'s
Choice extra potatoes..... at Thomas Walsh's
Delicious "sixpenny" hams..... at James Murray's
Tea-Meeting..... Congregational Church
Loan notice..... T. W. Spry
Canada butter..... Barnes & Co.
White marble soap, etc..... F. Parnell
Notice to curlers..... See advertisement
Steamer notice..... See advertisement
Lecture—"The Golden Jubilee"..... Star of the Sea Hall
Grand masquerade..... at Parade Rink
Meeting Church of England orphans..... H. Dunfield
Wanted—a good girl..... apply at this office

"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 for all cleansing purposes—laundry, toilet or bath. Ask your grocer for it. feb17,fp,gr

TAKE NOTICE:

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

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. feb20,fp

AUCTION SALES.

To-morrow, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, By JAMES HYNES, (at his Rooms, opposite Messrs. Job, Brothers & Co.) 25 QTRS. PRIME FRESH BEEF, 50 TUBS BUTTER, 10 BRLS JOWLS, 5 BRLS heads, 5 brls pork cuttings, 10 bxs biscuits, 3 brls pilot bread, 15 cheese, 25 boxes soap, 5000 cigars, 1 brl salt fish, 1 brl herring, and at 12 o'clock, 50 DOZ. CABBAGE.

Valuable Freehold Property for sale by Public Auction. I WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, on Thursday next, the 1st day of March, at 12 o'clock, on the premises, All the Dwelling House and Land situate on the West side of King's Road, at present occupied by tenants, and bringing in a rental of \$72. The above described property was formerly part of the Davis Estate. Particulars on application to T. W. SPRY, Real Estate Broker. feb28

St. JOHN'S ATHENÆUM. The Following Newspapers, for Twelve Months, (in advance), ending 31st December, 1888, WILL BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE READING-ROOM, This Tuesday Evening, At Eight o'clock:

LONDON MAIL, ILLUSTRATED LONDON News, Graphic, Frank Leslie, Harper's Weekly, Punch, Judy, Fun, Pall Mall Budget, Public Opinion, Saturday Review, World, Truth, The Colonies and India, Field, Liverpool Mercury, Edinburgh Scotsman, Glasgow Herald, Plymouth and Western News, Irish Times, People's Journal, National, London Daily News, Telegraph, Evening Standard, Liverpool Courier, North British Mail, Scientific American, New York Herald, Tribune, Boston Traveller, Pilot, Toronto Globe, Montreal Gazette, Detroit Free Press and St. John, N. B., Telegraph. ALSO A Quantity of Old Magazines, Newspapers and Books. (By order of the Committee), CHARLES BARNES, Superintendent. feb25,31,fp

Very Valuable Brick Dwelling House, (FEE-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, (FEE-SIMPLE), situate on the South Side of Duckworth Street, adjoining the residence of J. R. Collins, and yielding a yearly rental of \$200. Supplied with water, sewerage and gas-fittings. This dwelling house being a part of the Estate of the late John Collins, is ordered to be sold by request of Legates. All particulars on application to JAS. J. COLLINS, Notary Public. Office: 348 Duckworth St. And Real Estate Broker, opp. Fishermen & Sailors' Home. feb14,fp

Butter... Butter. Just Received, 250 TUBS CHOICE Canada Butter FOR SALE BY BARNES & Co. A Comfortable DWELLING HOUSE, Corner of Cochrane & Gower Streets, with about 19 Feet of Land fronting on Cochrane Street. Unexpired lease 61 years. Apply to C. B. RANKIN, Estate Broker, McBride's Hill. feb21,3w,4,fp

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE ANNUAL TEA MEETING, in connection with the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, will be held in the BASEMENT OF THE CHURCH, QUEEN'S ROAD On Wednesday, February 29th. TEA ON TABLES AT 6.30 P.M. PROGRAMME: TEA—GRACE. Address—Chairman..... Rev. T. Hodgkinson Song..... Miss Harris (Messrs. Barnes and Smith, and Quartette..... Messrs. Elworthy and Simpson Song..... Mrs. Karle Address..... Rev. G. Boyd Song..... Mr. Hopburn Reading..... Mr. Haddon Song..... Mr. Duley Address..... Rev. W. Graham

INTERVAL. Song..... Miss S. Barnes Violin Solo..... Mr. Glass Song..... Miss Soper Address..... Rev. G. J. Bond Song..... Mr. Elworthy Song..... Miss Cross Song..... Mr. Simpson

VOICE OF THANKS. 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. feb28,21

TO CURLERS. Do not forget the Points To-morrow LECTURE. ON TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 6th, -A Lecture will be delivered in the Star of the Sea Hall, by the Rev. M. P. MORRIS, in aid of the Orphan Boys of Villa Nova, subject— "The Two Golden Jubilees." Admission fee—30 cents. Tickets to be had at all Bookstores. Lecture to commence at Eight o'clock, sharp. feb28,fp

Direct Steam from Liverpool THE FOLLOWING FIRST-CLASS FULL powered Steamers will be despatched from Liverpool direct to St. John's:— On 20th March S.S. 'Durham City,' 3092 tons. On 7th April S.S. 'Boston City,' 2334 tons. On 15th May S.S. 'Saint Louis,' 1862 tons. Rate of Freight, 22s. 6d. sterling, and 10 per cent primage. Apply to C. T. BOWRING & Co., Liverpool, or, BOWRING BROTHERS, St. John's. feb28,3w,fp

Wanted! WANTED TO RAISE ON FEE-SIMPLE PROPERTY, comprising five Dwelling Houses, situate near Water Street, a sum of \$2900.00. Interest 6 per centum. All information as to title, &c., on application to J. J. PITMAN, Office: cor. Prescott & Duckworth. feb27,21,fp

A : Conversazione, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MISSIONARY Association of St. Andrew's Church, will be held in the Basement, THIS (TUESDAY) EV'G. Tickets: 20 cents each, may be had at the stores of Messrs. Ohman, Chisholm and Bryden, or from Members of the Association. S. F. MACINTOSH, Sec. Association. feb23,fp

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. THE ANNUAL Methodist Benevolent Concert Will be held in COLLEGE HALL, on THURSDAY EVENING, 5th of April. Programme and other particulars later on. feb28,fp

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GRAND MASQUERADE AND Fancy - Dress - Skating - Carnival. PARADE RINK, THURSDAY EV'G, Mar. 1st. THE 2nd Grand Masquerade will take place at the Parade Rink on THURSDAY, 1st March, (if permitted), under the auspices of Professor Bennett's Band. Maskers' tickets 20-cents; Spectators 10-cents. The ice on this occasion will be reserved for Maskers only. Tickets may be obtained from the following gentlemen of the Committee:—Messrs. P. Laracy, Chairman; T. Keogh, T. Skinner, G. Williams, N. Snow, A. Smallwood, J. McNamara, J. Callanan, J. Curtain, and W. Bulger. Look out for the Grand Street Parade by the Brass Band on Thursday Afternoon. feb28,21fp

The Last Chance for 1888 AT THE STAR OF THE WEST. Shopkeepers to the Front. AUCTION OF Balance of our Dry Goods ON TO-MORROW, COMMENCING AT 11 O'CLOCK. On FRIDAY we will sell BY AUCTION all the Hardware, Glass and Crockeryware. feb28,11

SMOKED - TURBOT. Harvey's Butter Bread 8-cents per pound. This Bread is very palatable and cheap, because it can be eaten with pleasure without adding Butter. White Marble Soap 5 cents per bar. It is preferred by housekeepers who want a fine pure soap instead of the common article that is now so abundant. Its clear whiteness is the result of its purity. F. PARNELL, 131 WATER STREET. february 23,fp

OUR-FLOUR For 23s. per Barrel, IS THE BEST IN THE MARKET. Accidentally struck a lot of 200 barrels. Send for sample, to GEORGE E. BEARNS. WATER STREET, NEAR JOB'S.

LIGHT AND STRONG COD SEINES. WE OFFER a 12-thread Cod-seine Twine, one fourth LIGHTER than 15-thread, EQUALLY AS STRONG, for Cod Seines. LIGHTNESS IS PROFIT. Our best judgment endorses this Seine. WILLIAM STOWE, President, Gloucester Net and Twine Company feb17,2s,2w,fp

CANADIAN LAMB. JUST RECEIVED, AND FOR SALE BY JAS. & WM. PITTS, CHOICE CANADIAN LAMB 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 T. W. SPRY, Agent for Newfoundland. feb28,fp

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'I confessed that was our destination, but tried to cheer him up by telling him there was little likelihood of a fight, and, if there should be one, little chance that he would be in it. I even offered to have him detailed for special service to keep him out of the thickest of it. He shook his head.

'I couldn't do it," he said. "Besides, it would do no good. One can't avoid what is decreed."

'I trembled as I saw how thoroughly he was possessed of that fatalistic idea I had known so many soldiers to entertain, and which I had never known to fail in its forecasting in the end. I was no longer inclined to laugh at him. His querulousness had departed, and he was as dead to all thought of himself as if the stroke of fate had already fallen. He only repeated his wife's name softly.

"Poor Emily! Poor Emily!"

'He told me he had made his will and named me one of his executors. His wife was the sole heir and also executrix. He did not suppose I could act now—he had not looked for the end quite so soon—but he wanted me associated with her. If I could, he hoped I would counsel and assist her.

"Poor Emily!" he said. "She is but a child and she will not be as well off as many think; I spent a good deal of money raising the regiment. I did not think of going in it then. I thought that was the part that I could do and was glad to do. I shouldn't have come at all, but Emily got the notion that I was going to do so and talked about it so that I saw it would gratify her pride. So I came. I don't think I was intended for a soldier, though I am willing to do what I can. If they had made me a Quartermaster now—that is in my line. But I was not going to lobby for it, and besides I don't think Emily would have liked it as well."

'All this talk in his quiet, pathetic voice was too much for me. The idea of being an executor, too, was only less terrible to me than of being an executioner. I was only just 22, a stranger to such things, and having an unusual dread of all legal complexities I knew nothing of Bridges' business, living as I did in a distant part of the country, had never seen his wife but once, when she came to bid him good-by as we started for the field. She was a beautiful woman. I wondered then how she came to marry Bridges. I understood now. I was very diffident at that time, and, like most country lads, shy of ladies society. The very idea of being associated with a pretty widow in the administration of her husband's estate threw me into a perspiration. I think I had an idea that there was no way out of such a duty if it were once devolved on me. So I begged him to excuse me, but to no purpose. He said his wife had the will and he would rest easier if he knew I was interested in her welfare. Why he should, I could not imagine. I was nothing but a schoolboy, and not a very bright one either.

'In trying to find a way out of this, it occurred to me that an officer with a little detail of men was to be sent back in the morning. I urged him to take this, but he declined. Determined to get out of what seemed to me a desperate scrape, I finally asked him outright why he did not resign, take this detail back to the city and leave the service. I thought I might help my friend Edson by persuading him to this course, as well as save the man's life and benefit the service at the same time. I did not hesitate to tell Bridges what he already knew, that he was not fitted for his place, and it would be a patriotic duty on his part.

'He hesitated, chiefly I am sure on account of his wife. At the same time his love for her and the conviction he had of her helplessness inclined him to follow my counsel. The result was that before sunrise his resignation was made out, approved by the Colonel, and he was on his way back to Nashville in command of the squad detailed to take in a few sick, some wagons and dispatches. A week afterwards he was relieved from duty and went back to private life.

'Did you have a hard fight at Mumfordsville?' asked one of the listeners.

'We carried it by assault at daybreak of the 26th,' said the Captain, with a smile, without firing a shot or losing a man, capturing one mule very far gone with the glanders, which was all the trace the enemy had left, they having departed twelve hours before we arrived.'

'So he wouldn't have been hurt after all,' said one.

'He must have thought that vision of his was a tremendous sell,' said another.

'Poor Emily!' exclaimed another in lugubrious tones.

This sally brought the laugh that the quaint ending of the narrative seemed to deserve and there was a movement to retire, when, curious to know the feeling of the man after this ludicrous anti-climax, I asked:

'What ever became of the fellow?'

'That is the strangest part of the matter, gentlemen,' said the Captain soberly. He had not joined in the laugh, and every one settled back into his place to wait for the sequel. 'In February, 1864, I was ordered home on recruiting service. The train was delayed at Mumfordsville for repairs to the track, which had lately been disturbed by bushwhackers. Hearing that we were likely to be delayed all day, I strolled into the little town, and remembering Bridges' dream after a time, sauntered up to the crest of the hill where he had read his doom. As I did so I could but remember how accurately he had described what he had never seen. Queer enough there were even some fresh graves on the crest where he had located his own. As I came nearer I saw a woman in widow's weeds kneeling by one of them. I do not know why, but my curiosity was piqued to see her face, and I drew near at the risk of intruding on her grief. I was within a few yards when the noise of my footsteps came to her ears and she turned a wild, startled look upon me, and cast herself prone upon the grave, clasping the headboard wildly and protesting vehemently against being removed. As she did so I saw the headboard previously concealed by her form. On it was distinctly traced:

"J. S. Bridges, Lieut.—Ind. Vols. Killed in action at Mumfordsville, Ky., Dec. 26, 1863."

Everyone drew a long breath at this announcement.

'And the woman?' asked one.

'His wife. She had come for his body and had become insane with grief. A family in the town had kindly cared for her.'

'How did it come about?'

'Well, the story of his resignation leaked out, and the ludicrousness of the subsequent events was too much for the people at home. He was jeered and taunted until even his young wife hung her head with shame at the thought of having married a coward. Bridges stood it for a while, then went and joined a regiment which was being recruited in the next country, as a private. In a fight which occurred just after it was mustered into service he showed such desperate valor, and withal such soldierly capacity, that he was promoted to his former rank, to date from that day. By mere accident he was at Mumfordsville when Morgan made his attack on the garrison, demoralized by the soldiers, and in trying to rally the troops in the early morning was killed and buried on the very spot he had described so well a year before.

Nobody spoke for some minutes. Then one, interpreting the look in all our eyes, shrugged his shoulders and said: 'Strange, wasn't it?'

'I was thinking of the young wife, and almost involuntarily asked:

'And the wife?'

'She was so overcome with remorse at this catastrophe, which she blamed herself for having caused, that, as I said, she became insane. I took her home, secured proper care for her, qualified as an executor of her husband's will, and, when my recruiting leave expired, tendered my resignation and wound up his estate. It was at some personal sacrifice that I did so, for I had been promoted in the meantime, and a pair of eagles were waiting my acceptance of the commission. I thought it my duty to do what I could to repair the harm I seemed unintentionally to have been instrumental in causing.'

'Did she recover?' asked one, with the sympathy we all felt in his voice.

'She is my wife,' said the Captain, and his lip quivered as he added: 'I dread to be away from her at this season. Instead of being a time of hilarity it is always one of apprehension to me. But for an accident to a train I should have been at home last night. As it is I am trying to divert her attention from the past by frequent dispatches showing my progress homeward. I hope it may not be in vain. Pardon me, gentlemen, if I have marred your pleasure. Christmas time is not always a synonym for pleasant memories.'

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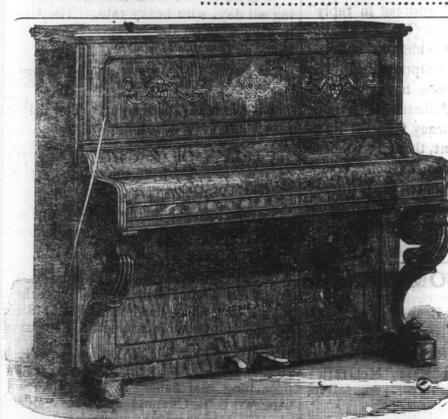
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Walton Court;

OR ADELAIDE CAMERON'S "SHADOW LOVE."

By the Author of Dora Thorne.

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He could discover no more than that. He knew that she had no relatives, no friends, and he could not imagine where she was. She seemed to be well—her letters were firmly and plainly written. He waited day after day until he grew sick at heart; but no news came of her. 'I shall go mad,' he thought, 'if this lasts much longer.' He had grown thin and pale, and had dark shadows round his eyes from long and weary watching. He looked like the ghost of the happy man who had hastened through the chill autumn mist to meet the wife he began to think he should never see again. He went to London, and he found, from inquiries he made, that his last letter was lying unclaimed. He grew seriously alarmed; if Margarita were living and well, nothing would have prevented her from sending for that letter. A thrill of keenest anguish shot through his heart. What could have happened to her? It must be some serious accident or death. People who met Lord Rylestone during those two days in London hardly recognized him; the handsome face had changed as a blight changes a flower. He went twice to Mr. Beale's office, but that worthy lawyer was absent. He was at a loss what to do—what steps to take in order to learn something of his lost wife. He had sent advertisements to all the leading daily journals; they did not bring him a reply. While he was debating within himself what to do, a letter was forwarded to him from his club, and it proved to be from Miss Cameron. She asked him to go over to Walton, if only for a day, as there was something wrong about John Leech's lease. That letter seemed to rouse him as from a dream. He had forgotten Walton Court, Adelaide, and all else in his absorbing distress about his wife. He decided to go; and he said to himself that, if he could find an opportunity he would tell his story to Adelaide, and ask her advice. He felt sure of her sympathy; and perhaps she might think of something which had not occurred to him—women were always so quick of invention and resource. He went. It was almost the last day of November when he reached the Court, whither he had hoped to take Margarita as his wife. Miss Cameron remained alone since the unhappy termination of her acquaintance with Margarita. She had not engaged another companion. Mr. Beale had spoken to her about it once, and her answer was that she should wait until Miss Avenel returned; after that Mr. Beale said no more. It was now some weeks since Margarita had departed from Layston Park, and Miss Cameron had heard nothing of her. Her clothes had been packed and were ready, but no one either came or sent. Every hour of the day Adelaide thought of her, and hoped for some intelligence of her. She is angry and indignant, but, when her anger cools, and she remembers that I have had nothing to do with the matter, she will come back to me,' said Miss Cameron. Days and weeks went by, but they did not bring her or any news of her; and then, hearing that Lord Rylestone had returned, Adelaide thought less constantly of her. She could not think of much else—Lord Rylestone was back, and she should soon see him. But he did not write. He gave no sign of any intention to visit Walton; and, if John Leech had not threatened a lawsuit about his lease, the chances were that he would not have gone, and the mystery of his wife's absence would never have been solved. As it was, when he reached the Court, Adelaide, in the flush of her beauty and strength, looked at him half horrified. This haggard, careworn, thin, pale, despairing man—this could not be the Lord Rylestone from whom she had parted on a sweet June night over two years back; those worn, hollow eyes were not, surely, the same eyes which looked so kindly on her then. There was pity, almost awe, in the glance she gave him. Her warm, soft fingers tightened round his cold, nerveless hand.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

[CONTINUED.] FRIDAY, February 24th.

Hon. the PRESIDENT said, however feebly he might acquit himself, he should feel impelled to essay an attempt to defend the Chamber of Commerce against the pungent criticisms of the hon. gentleman who has just spoken; but seeing that that body is so ably represented in this Chamber, he felt it would be presumption upon his part to take up this position. He was not aware that the body was amenable to such censure. As regards the subject under discussion, it was pleasing to find that the returns from the fisheries have placed the colony in a much more favorable position than that which it occupied twelve months ago. At that time most persons took a despondent view of our affairs, and, unfortunately, the circumstances then existing did not warrant a hopeful one. Our fisheries were languishing; markets, previously almost our own, had gone from us, and we knew not where to turn to alleviate the sad prospect that opened out before us; no definite means of relief appeared to lighten the surrounding gloom. Our last resource seemed to be a reliance upon what we had been accustomed to regard as the elasticity of our trade and resources, of the recuperative character of which we had experience in former years, and which we hoped might again remove our difficulties. While the present position of affairs is not one of the brightest, it is still far more assuring than it was a year ago, and it may be pertinent to enquire to what cause is this change to be ascribed? Not, unfortunately, to that elasticity that has borne us successfully through former years. He very much wished we could attribute it to that cause. Our seal fishery has been a short one, followed by low prices for its produce; our cod fishery, except on the Banks, was largely deficient, so that we seem to owe the difference in our position, not to our own resources, but to a lucky accident which has proved an unlucky accident to others, the fact that the Norwegian and French fisheries were below the average of former years, and the reduction of their competition with us enabled us to realize remunerative prices for fish. It may be said we have also always to reckon with the fluctuation of prices in foreign markets, and it does not at all follow that even if we had abundant voyages we should obtain good returns. In former years we had certain fish markets almost entirely to ourselves, and while sometimes these fluctuations operated adversely to us, yet on the other hand they equally often told to our advantage, and thus our position was comparatively independent. This state of things we may not readily recall, because we for a time seem to have forfeited the position we had obtained, being supplanted to a large extent by our indefatigable rivals whose competition has had such disastrous effects upon the interests of this colony. It is gratifying to observe one hopeful sign, in the success of the Bank fishery. The Government who aided in stimulating the revival of that industry (of whom he was glad to say he was one) have reason to congratulate themselves upon the vindication of the wisdom of their action as proved by results. It has sometimes been stated in this House that no previous local government had done anything for the welfare of the fisheries. In reply to such an assertion he pointed to the Bank fishery bounty as a complete refutation of any charge of negligence that may be brought forward against the government of that day. They extended a helping hand to that fishery in the face of much disparagement of their endeavors, it having been contended that our men were unfitted for it; that it required harder hands than those accustomed, as it was termed, to "lobstering along the shore." It was further urged that the amount of bounty the legislature would offer would be an insufficient inducement to warm that industry into life. Now, however, after the lapse of a few years, it is a satisfaction to those who took a hopeful view to find their predictions so signally fulfilled. There has been no difficulty in finding in the colony a sufficient number of men heartily willing to risk their lives in encountering the dangers and hardships of the voyage; and the results are assuming to-day important significance in connection with our trade. In a general way, however, there was enough to show in regard to our fisheries and resources that in their present stage of development they are unreliable as a sole source of sustenance for the population. We have seen some four thousand of our best producers fleeing from the coun-

(To be continued.)

try within the past year, in utter despair of eking out a living in the land of their birth. All our surroundings demonstrate the necessity of resorting to other avocations. He was glad to find His Excellency's speech alluding, in highly favorable terms, to the appreciation by the country of the Agricultural Act passed the session before last, of the advantages of which many persons have availed. This will, no doubt, appear when the papers on the subject are before us. He (the President) hoped that agriculture will, in the future, constitute one of the main dependences of the people, that they will cordially take hold of it, and obviate the risk and uncertainty of reliance upon a single pursuit, with its too frequently recurring adverse results. There was one matter in the speech and reply, having reference to the creation of employment for the people in their favorite enterprise, which he heartily approved of. The increased bounty on ship-building was a wise move, because, while providing occupation, it at the same time stimulated the construction of a class of vessels fitted for the prosecution of the Bank and Labrador fisheries. He believed the result of this measure has been highly beneficial, and he had heard it stated that the employment it created has at present prevented much want amongst the people, while providing means for their employment in the future. This course, he believed, would entail no drain upon the public funds, because the money thus spent in bounties will be returned to the public exchequer by increased consumption on the part of the people, rendering them contributors to, instead of a burthen upon, the revenue. Such a method of aiding in the support of the people was widely different in nature and effect from that which is termed able-bodied poor relief. He should not lay blame to any particular Government of the colony for the existence and spread of this system. All our administrations, for several years, have, to a certain extent, appeared to be forced to keep it alive, and, while it is very easy to point out what governments should not do, it is very difficult to show what they should do to remedy the growing evil. It is an extremely hard problem to deal with. No doubt, much abuse has arisen in carrying out able-bodied poor relief, while very little, generally, in the way of substantial work has been returned for the outlay. If at all possible, some stringent means should be devised to repress it and convince the people that they must rely upon their own resources, impressing as strongly as possible upon them that it is not the duty of a government to find employment for them under all circumstances. This system of poor relief is assuming alarming proportions, and, if not arrested, threatens serious consequences to the financial capabilities of the colony. From time to time various suggestions have been advanced to deal with it; sometimes acted upon with slight success, but as a rule it seems to have grown in spite of all efforts to keep it within bounds. All sense of manliness and self-reliance amongst the people is being destroyed by its baneful influence. On the face of it, it seems plausible enough to say that the public revenue should be called upon to aid in supporting those who are unable to support themselves, but an unfortunate feature of the case is that numbers who could help themselves will not do so, and they are increasing, various sorts of imposition being resorted to to obtain a portion of the public money. He thought it would be well to consider whether some means may be adopted to interest the people in the different localities in the expenditure for permanent poor, with the view, if possible, of limiting it to cases of absolute necessity. Some years back it was proposed to levy local taxation to meet local poor relief, but for various reasons the idea was dropped as impracticable. There is, however, a mode by which, without resorting to local taxation, the difficulty might possibly, to some extent, be met. There are, as we know, certain money grants for roads, local improvements and other objects, annually appropriated to the several districts. Now, if the average poor expenditure of each district for a certain number of years be ascertained, and a rule made that so much shall be appropriated to any given district, and that if the expenditure should exceed that sum, the surplus should become a charge upon its road, special or other grants; and that if the outlay was short of the average, the balance should go to the district in addition to its other grants for local improvements. Thus a district would benefit by having its poor expenditure kept down, as the people inhabiting it would feel a direct interest in relieving themselves as much as possible of the burthen that would be thus imposed upon them by keeping their outlay for the poor down to the lowest reasonable point. Under the present system no one is immediately concerned in repressing the expenditure, while on the other hand many are interested in augmenting it. The sooner this matter is dealt with, with a strong hand, with a due consideration to the dictates of humanity, and without harshness or uncharitableness, the better for all concerned, recipients as well as others. Legitimate burthens for the support of the infirm and destitute poor, we are all willing to assist in bearing, while the abuses of the system are fairly a subject of grave complaint. He spoke only in the hope that some remedial measures may suggest themselves to the minds of others for the establishment of local supervision, and enlisting local interest in the curtailment of the expenditure in the several outposts. In St. John's, he believed, everything connected with the poor relief is well managed; the abuses he had spoken of being in the external districts, and the further away the more difficult to counteract. He thought it incumbent upon all to offer any suggestions that may occur to them, to save us from the consequences that must ensue in the course of a short time, if the state of things he had referred to be continued.

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 28, 1888.

KILLING TIME IN THE ASSEMBLY.
Long Sessions and Needless Expense on the People.

'Tis a great calamity to the Commonwealth to have reckless and unthinking people in the lower branch of the Legislature. Members of the Assembly should be wise and prudent men, always careful to economize public time and money, and never unmindful of their duty to those they represent. Unfortunately, not many such men are to be found in our House of Commons to-day. One after another the few independent and patriotic representatives of the people have dropped out of politics, until scarcely a single reliable man can now be found in public life here. The natural consequence is a two-fold extravagance—waste of public time and waste of public money.

Take, for example, their conduct at the present moment. The session is nearly three weeks old and our M.H.A.'s have been immolating about an hour a day, on an average, of their precious time daily upon the altar of colonial duty. To use the words of an exchange in a similar case: "The truth that they are public men summoned to do public business has not yet dawned upon them." It is time to interrupt their ease with the reminder that the taxpayers of Newfoundland do not give their legislators nearly \$250 per annum to idle away days watching the sergeant-at-arms wrestle with the mace.

Why cannot the House settle down to work? The Government should be prepared with legislation that would fully employ the members from the day they assemble. A delay of two or three weeks annually precedes the active consideration of public business. This is due to a desire to prolong the session and persuade the people that the members earn their salaries. The House always squanders ten or twelve weeks upon legislation that need not engross its energies for a month.

In years gone by there might have been some excuse for long sessions and needless expenditure, but certainly there is none now. With a depleted exchequer and financial obligations increasing day by day, the country can ill afford to have thirty-five or forty extravagant individuals playing at statesmen for the greater part of three months every year. At least this is the view the public take of the matter, and popular sentiment seldom errs in such cases. We hope His Excellency Governor Blake, who has promised to administer the Government in a constitutional manner, will keep his keen and observant eye on "honorable gentlemen" of the Executive and compel them, during the remainder of their term of office, to discharge their obligations with some regard for the public welfare.

CAPTAIN DAWE'S SEALING BILL.

AFTER the committee on the "address in reply" was raised on Friday evening, the House went into committee on the Sealing Bill of the gallant Captain Dawe. For the information of our sealers, thousands of whom read the TELEGRAM, we shall give a little synopsis of this bill:—

- (1) It repeals last year's Act.
- (2) No sealer to kill seals before March 12th, or after April 20th, under a penalty of \$400.
- (3) This section makes it unlawful to bulk or pan seals before March 28th, or after April 20th, under a penalty of \$400 for each seal.
- (4) Forbids the bringing in of such seals into any port of this colony.
- (5) Penalties to be recovered from masters, owners or crews; that is, such of them as are found guilty of a breach of the bill.
- (6) No steamer allowed to go to the fishery after April 1st, on a second or subsequent trip, in any year: Provided that if ship break down first trip and has been forced to return first trip, she may sail again any time before April 10th.
- (7) This section makes the penalty for second trip double the value of seals taken, which may be sued for before a Stipendiary Magistrate. Appeal is allowed when the penalty amounts to \$100.
- (8) This section makes masters incompetent for two years who commit an offence under the act.
- (9) Vessels, cleared from this colony for Davis Straits or Greenland fishery are liable to the penalties of the act.
- (10) Gives the power to a Stipendiary Magistrate to try all cases under the act.
- (11) Limits the time of suing for all penalties to three months.

This Bill passed through the remaining stages on Friday night and was taken to the Council yesterday by Captain Dawe and Mr. Murphy.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY NOTES.

Morris and Scott Attack Murphy.

THE RADICAL MEMBER REPLIES.

Amendments by Bond, Morine and Murphy.

The House met at 4 p.m. yesterday. Mr. Bond arose to present some petitions having reference to a matter of immediate moment and legislation—the Bait Bill. They were signed by 1,000 fishermen, and prayed that the bill would not be put in force. Although there was a paragraph in the address about the Bait Bill, the Speaker refused to receive them.

Mr. Morine got on his feet to make a personal statement concerning a slanderous editorial in the Government organ, the *Mercury*. He clearly showed that the editorial was published the same day as his speech on the address, in order to detract from its value.

The House then went into committee on the address. In accordance with his statement on Friday night, Mr. Morris gave his speech upon the address. The subject had been gone over so often that all chance of being original was taken from him. He had something fresh to say upon the paragraph on the Municipal Bill, and referred back to his connection with the Sewerage Bill of last session, which had been defeated in the Upper Chamber by petitions brought about by the misrepresentations of its contents in the public prints by Mr. Murphy. He stated that Mr. Murphy did not oppose the bill while going through the House, and was not present while the bill was passing. He then went on and made full criticism of the different paragraphs in the address.

Mr. Murphy, in reply, showed, by quoting the official records, that he not only opposed the bill but spoke against it, and that if he were not present he could not have made such a speech. With reference to the charge of misrepresentation, here was his letter, and he challenged the hon. member to point them out.

Mr. Scott then followed with a strong personal attack on Murphy's conduct under the bill of last session, to which that gentleman replied in a skimming and telling speech, throwing back each of Mr. Scott's assertions upon himself.

Mr. Greene then made a short speech on the address, full of eulogy of the Government. He added nothing fresh to the debate, and spoke for twenty minutes.

Mr. McGrath took the floor after his friend sat down and informed the House that, if other gentlemen on his side had been bought, he at least was not. After Shea's resolutions for a railway North, the Government were broken up, and he thought, in their extremities, after they had spurned the Liberal Party, that that unfortunate amalgamation should never have been entered into. He had the pleasure of seconding Mr. Bond's Amendment to the Bait Bill, and the Government did not know what hardship they were inflicting on men to the Westward.

Mr. Bond made a short speech in substantiation of his position on that bill. There were now 420 vessels, 42,000 tons, out of St. Pierre, to the Bank fishery, an increase of 70 vessels more than last year. If the Government allowed French vessels to enter Fortune Bay for bait, as United States vessels are allowed, at \$1.50 per ton, this would amount to \$63,000; light dues \$10,000, and bait money \$200,000; or, in all, \$273,000. He referred to the wasted rights of Fortune Bay fishermen and made a speech so thoroughly showing the impracticability of the Bait Bill, the loss it would occasion the labor of the country, and the destination that it would bring about, that he drove fear and consternation into the ranks of the Government, and made the Attorney General look so foolish and mad that he lost his temper and, for the first time for the session, got up to reply. In parenthesis—the Attorney General is much improved in manners since his trip to Washington, and that St. Vitus-dance of eye-rolling, shaking himself and twisting his face has, in a considerable degree, lessened.

Mr. Winter said the condition of the country, the French competition in Spanish markets, and the falling off in catch and price of our fish were the three very important reasons that led the Government to this Bait Bill. He referred to the vested rights of the fishermen of Fortune Bay and said they amounted to nothing as compared with the interests of the whole country, as secured by the Bait Bill. Mr. Bond interposed and showed his (Mr. Winter's) inconsistency, when some years ago presenting petitions, numerous signed, praying the Legislature to do away with sealing steamers, he (Mr. Winter) said it could not be done—no matter how general the desire—on account of the vested interests of the merchants. "You, sir," said Mr. Bond, "regard the vested interests of a half dozen St. John's merchants, and cast to the winds of Heaven the vested rights of 5,300 people in Fortune Bay."

The Attorney General, being then "knocked out," went on: "We'll allow Americans to buy bait, for they compete with us as men and do not interfere with our markets."

Mr. Morine showed how the Americans sent fish to our West India markets, and how they excluded us by protection from their own markets.

The Attorney General was now beginning to look foolish and "sorry that he enlisted." He said the bill was not his.

"Do you renounce," said Mr. Bond, "your own child?"

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL—"The bill had more fathers than me."

MR. MURPHY—"It was therefore illegitimate."

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL—"Men have often to clothe the children of others."

MR. MORINE—"You were foolish to put clothes on this mercantile baby."

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL—"It was given me to put in shape. I had merely to tie the ribbons around it."

MR. MURPHY—"You were then the wet nurse."

MR. MORINE—"Judging from his speech, he is a dry one."

Mr. Winter, having been thus peppered, sat down confused and muttering "bosh."

To-morrow we shall give the amendments and the manner of voting. The address passed at 12 o'clock last night.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

The Athenaeum concert of last evening drew a pretty large audience and, as a whole, was quite successful. The lady singers were Miss Fisher, Mrs. March, both of whom were in excellent voice and were handsomely encored; Miss Shirran, who gave "Happy Little Maiden" very felicitously. "The Better Land," interpreted by a young lady whose name we failed to learn, was characterised by the plaintive pathos which breathes through the melody. Mrs. Steer's pretty lyric received the treatment of a delicate and very musical soprano voice. Colonel Fawcett recited the sad, sad story of youthful heroism and youthful hope; but, alas! it lay buried in the front ranks of the slain, nearest the enemy. The gentlemen who favored the audience with solos were Doctor Rendell, Mr. Corner, Mr. Crane and Mr. Anderson, whose songs were complimentarily honored by the audience, but two of whom appeared a second time—Mr. Corner, by repeating a verse of "Simon the Cellarer," and Mr. Crane, with the last verse of "The Anchor's Weighed," both of which fine airs—old, to be sure, but always fresh—they rendered in capital tones and good style.

HE LOST HIS TEMPER.

MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL WINTER completely lost his temper during the debate on Mr. Bond's amendment to the "address in reply" last night. In thus acting he (Mr. W.) committed a great mistake, for which he suffered severely at the hands of the Opposition. The junior member for Bonavista had almost as much fun with him as the Philistines of bygone days had with Israel's Attorney General Samson. The result was different, though: Samson succeeded in bringing down the house every time, while in the case before us, our Attorney General didn't manage to bring it down once, all the "bringing down" being done by the Opposition.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Beaver" and "Occasio Facit Furem," Bonavista—Your interesting communications are before us and will receive due attention. "Nehemiah McGrath" and "H. R."—We shall punish your letters to-morrow.

We learn that the postal authorities of Canada and the United States have "improved" the parcel post between the two countries, to the incalculable advantage and convenience of the two peoples. What has our Postmaster General done in this direction for Newfoundland?

The social attraction for to-morrow evening will be the annual tea-meeting in the basement of Queen's Road Congregational Church. Elaborate preparations are being effected by the committee, who seem determined to make this event an unparalleled success in every particular. The musical and literary programme promises to be more than ordinarily interesting, a resolution having been passed prohibiting "dry readings" altogether, and making long speeches a grave social misdemeanor. This is a bold dictum to promulgate at a tea-meeting, but it is absolutely necessary under existing circumstances. Desperate diseases can only be checked by powerful remedies. As regards the tables and their contents. Well, it is only necessary to say that these very important matters will be attended to by the good ladies who have undertaken to "furnish" as well as "preside." All things considered, then, a very pleasant evening is pretty certain. Shouldn't be surprised to hear some snow-headed but frolicsome octogenarian shouting, no his way home to-morrow night:

Now, by my soul, and by these hoary hairs, I'm so o'erwhelm'd with pleasure, that I feel A latter spring within my wither'd limbs, That shoots me out again!

By Telegraph

FROM THE WEST COAST.

Heavy Snow Storm at Channel.
OUR FISHERMEN AND THEIR PROSPECTS.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)
CHANNEL, Last Evening.

Yesterday a strong breeze prevailed from the southeast, culminating in a heavy snow storm. To-day the wind is west and the weather fine and mild. None of the boats ventured out on the fishing ground since yesterday. The catch, so far, has been pretty good, and, with favorable weather, it may be considerably augmented. Our fishermen do not appear to be much better off than they were at this time last year.

FROM ROSE BLANCHE.

All the Skiffs Out—No Drift Ice.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)
ROSE BLANCHE, This Forenoon.

To-day the weather here is fine, and, the harbor being clear of ice, all the fishing skiffs are out. No drift ice can now be seen in any direction, and prospects are favorable. A light breeze is blowing from the northeast.

ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN STRIKE.

No Change in Dominion Tariff.

BURIED BY AN AVALANCHE.

Germany Supports Russia's Demand.

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 28.

The engineers and firemen on the Chicago and Burlington railway have struck. Fifteen thousand employes are idle.

No change will be made in the Canadian tariff this season.

The village of Vallorta, North Italy, has been buried by an avalanche, and many persons killed.

Germany supports Russia's demand for the deposition of Prince Ferdinand.

FROM CAPE RACE.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)
CAPE RACE, This Evening.

A brisk breeze from E.N.E. has been blowing all day, with heavy rain. The slob ice is now close in on the shore. No vessels have been sighted to-day.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

NO ARRIVALS last night. The drift ice is now being forced in the narrows.

CURLERS are reminded of the "Points Match" to-morrow at the usual hour, ice permitting.

IN consequence of the disagreeable weather, the "Benovolent" practice is postponed until Saturday at 7.30 p.m.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the St. John's Typographical Union will be held at the usual place, this (Tuesday) evening, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is respectfully requested.

OUR special despatches from the West Coast are hopeful with respect to the approaching seal fishery in the Gulf. The cod fishery about Channel and Rose Blanche is also being successfully prosecuted.

The address of the Assembly in reply to the Governor's speech was presented at half-past twelve this afternoon to His Excellency at Government House, by the members of that body, to whom the Governor returned an appropriate response.

DIED.

On Sunday, the 26th inst., Mary Jane, beloved wife of Charles Ellis, and eldest daughter of the late William Pinkham, aged 48 years, a native of Stokeinleigh, Devon, England. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday) at 11 o'clock, from her late residence, 292 Water Street, when friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend without further notice.

At Hillsboro, St. John's, Nfld., this morning, after a lingering illness, aged 25 years, Robert Hedley Vickers, (late of the Registrar General's Department, New Zealand) eldest son of the Hon. Mr. Justice Pinsent, of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland. Funeral on Thursday next at 12 o'clock.

At Conception Harbor, on Sunday, the 26th inst., after a painful illness, Captain Thomas St. John, aged 67 yrs. He leaves a wife and a large number of friends to mourn their sad loss. The deceased was a good friend to the widow and orphan, whose prayers he always solicited.—R.I.P.

At Boston, on the 3rd inst., after a lingering illness, John, son of John Butler, aged 29 years.—R.I.P.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

25—Curlew, Delancy, St. Pierre, 2 days, Bowring Bros.—ballast. Scotia, Smith, Liverpool, 27 dys, J & W Stewart—35 tons coal, 55 half-chests tea, general cargo.

27—Aurora, ss, Fairweather, Dundee, 21 days, W Stephen & Co.—supplies for the seal and whale fishery.

25—Portia, Dawson, New York, Harvey & Co—1941 qts fish, 100 bris apples, 1 qtr-cask wine, 40 trcs salmon.

27—Sretha, Harvey, Rio de Janeiro, P & L Tessier—2499 qts fish. Ebel, Sopp, Pernambuco, Job, Bros & Co—4993 qts fish. Stonehouse, Larré, Barbados, Job, Bros & Co—1881 qts fish.