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DEFEAT OF PARNELL'S AMENDMENT

Canadian Press on the Treaty.

EARLY ACTION OF THE SENATE.

Lord Dufferin Goes to Italy.

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 18.

Parnell's amendment to the address was rejected by a vote of 317 to 229. The Liberal Unionists supported the Government.

The Canadian opposition press call the Fisheries Treaty a base surrender. The President sends the treaty to the Senate on Monday.

Lord Dufferin has accepted the post of Ambassador to Italy.

THE CARPET THIEVES AGAIN.

Bonavista's Opinion of the Speech from the Throne.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

BOHAVISTA, This Afternoon.

It is gratifying to know that His Excellency Governor Blake will rule us constitutionally. "Nothing in the Speech from the Throne except too much lobsters," is the general opinion here with respect to that gubernatorial effort.

It was expected that the carpet thieves would receive a scathing rebuke, and that the misdemeanors of the ring called "a Government" would be denounced. How long can the present combination last?

FROM CAPE RACE.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CAPE RACE, This Evening.

A fresh breeze from S.S.W. has been blowing all day, with occasional snow-squalls. No vessels have been sighted since last report.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction—carriage, sleigh, cart, etc. John S. Simms Turkeys, sausages, hams, etc. Geo. E. Bearns First shipment of spring goods. at Geo. Knowling's North Sydney coal. S. March & Sons Magazines and new books. at J. F. Chisholm's Picture—Christ before Pilate. Photo Copying House Recruits wanted immediately. at James Bryden's Notice of public meeting. J. J. Rogerson Special meeting B.I.S. Jno. Keating Notice to owners of bankers. Thomas D. Collins Wanted—a young lady for the stage. T. M. White Wanted—3 unfurnished rooms. ad. P. O. Box 844 Wanted—a chief mate. apply to Capt. of St. Joseph

MUNKACSY'S \$100,000 PICTURE: CHRIST BEFORE PILOT, the most popular picture in the world. A magnificent reproduction of the above picture is now ready, and for sale at the PHOTO COPYING HOUSE, one door west of Furniture Show Rooms, Duckworth Street, Saint John's. No Christian family should be without this picture. It is the greatest and most impressive religious picture ever painted. feb18,s,fp

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

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 per caddy. JAMES MURRAY. jan24,fp,eod

AUCTION SALES.

Valuable Freehold Residence & Grounds.

On MONDAY next, the 20th Feb., at 12 o'clock, ON THE GROUNDS,

That eligible and commodious freehold

RESIDENCE & GROUNDS, situate corner Military and Barnes' Roads, belonging to the insolvent estate of H. M. GIBB.

The DWELLING HOUSE has been built regardless of expense, and consists of two stories and basement. The ground floor contains three large and handsome rooms: Breakfast, Dining and Drawing Room, with French windows opening upon the lawn, which entirely surrounds the house. Spacious halls, with ornamental glass in vestibule and porch. The whole building is heated with hot water. The ground floor also contains kitchen, fitted with Kitchener, ample cupboards, &c., the arrangement being very convenient and labor-saving for servants.

The second story contains Six Bedrooms, with fitted Bathrooms, and other necessary conveniences. The principal Bedrooms have large and expensive wardrobes, with fine light and open aspect. The basement occupies the whole area of building, and consists of frostproof cellars, surrounded by thick stone walls. A very little expense would convert this flat into kitchen, laundry and other servants' offices, if desired to remove the present tenants.

The whole property is bran-new, having been occupied only for a few months. And the opportunity is now offered of purchasing a splendid residential property, in the healthiest and most accessible part of the town, well suited for a commercial or professional man.

To view, apply to the Trustees of the Insolvent Estate. feb14,fp

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION SALES.

On Tuesday, 21st inst., at 12 o'clock, at the Stables of the late

MRS. J. N. FINLAY, HANDSOME LIGHT FOUR-WHEEL CARRIAGE—with lamps, nearly new, 1 handsome side sleigh, 1 long cart, 1 wheel barrow, 1 saddle, 1 set carriage harness, 1 set cart harness, lot rugs, garden tools, fancy galvanized wire, etc., belonging to her Estate. feb18 JOHN S. SIMMS, Auctioneer.

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 Legatees. All particulars on application to JAS. J. COLLINS, Notary Public Office: 348 Duckworth St. And Real Estate Broker, opp. Fishermen & Sailors' Home. feb14,fp or, JAMES R. COLLINS, Executor, 189 Duckworth Street.

MAGAZINES AND NEW BOOKS.

FEBRUARY NOS. OF FAMILY HERALD, WELDON'S Ladies' Journal, Harper's Magazine, London Journal, and other Magazines. Norie's Epitome of Navigation. Admiralty Nautical Almanac for 1888. Whittaker's Almanac, with supplement, for 1888. McGregor's Nautical Almanac for 1888. The Churchman's Almanac for 1888. The Christian Age Vol. All the Year Round Vol. Punch Vol XXIII. The Golden Library, various vols., 10-cents each. The Fair God, by Lew Wallace, cloth and paper covers. Beadle's Dime Dialogues, Nos. 1 to 34, at 10-cents each. feb18

J. F. CHISHOLM.

Fresh Fish

JUST IN TIME FOR LENT!

Just received, per "Curlew" from Channel, Six Cases FRESH FROZEN CODFISH, Two Cases FRESH HALIBUT, for sale, wholesale and retail, at Brookings. feb15,fp

JAS. MURRAY.

School of Art.

THE KINDERGARTEN DRAWING Class will begin on MONDAY next, 20th inst., at 4 o'clock, p.m. All who intend to join should begin early. feb14,tu,th,s,fp

REAL Canada BUTTER.

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

jan24 JAMES MURRAY.



Royal Silver Wedding.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS ARE NOW OPENED AT the Union and Commercial Banks, the stores of M. Fennell, J. F. Chisholm, G. S. Milligan, and Mrs. House, also at the office of Charles Bowring, treasurer, until Monday, February 20th, when all lists will be called in and the amount subscribed remitted by next mail. feb14,tu,th,s,fp

Just Received, per "Portia" from New York, and for sale by **HEARN & Co.**

350 Barrels New Mess PORK. [King's
100 Barrels Family Mess PORK, Figue's &
75 Barrels Small JOWLS, Figue's & King's.
75 Barrels New HEADS, Figue's & King's.
50 Barrels Halstead's Packet BEEF;

10 BOXES CHOICE HAMS. feb9,fp,eod

TO BE LET.

(With immediate possession.) That comfortable & convenient **BRICK DWELLING HOUSE,**

No 2 TASKER TERRACE, recently tenanted by the French Consul, Monsieur C. des Isles.

Also, with possession on 1st May next, **THE COMPACT DWELLING HOUSE,** to brick building, corner Duckworth Street and Beck's Cove, over the shop of Messrs. Fullerton & Mott, recently occupied by D. Patrick, Esq. For terms, etc., apply to

feb10,fp JAMES MURRAY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Volunteer Movement

RECRUITS WANTED, IMMEDIATELY, TO MARCH AT ONCE AND CAPTURE the mighty host of BARGAINS lying in ambush at BRYDEN'S.

Don't fail to muster at once and seize this grand opportunity of supplying yourselves and families with good

Boots & Clothing.

We have only a limited time to clear out our Large and Varied Stock, therefore we have cut down our prices to suit each, and every one who will favor us with a call. **TERMS STRICTLY CASH.** feb18,2f

NEW GOODS! :- NEW GOODS!

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

Our First Shipment Early Spring Goods.

february18,1f GEORGE KNOWLING.

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

TURKIES—in splendid order, 20-cents per lb. HALIFAX SAUSAGES, BOLOGNA SAUSAGES. BACON, HAM.

50 Doz Nova Scotia RABBITS—18-cents per pair. ALL IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION.

WATER STREET, } ----- GEORGE E. BEARNS.
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287 New Gower Street, St. John's, Nfld.

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

Headstones, Monuments, Tombs, Mantelpieces, &c.

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

CANADIAN LAMB.

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

JAS. & WM. PITTS,

CHOICE CANADIAN LAMB

AT PARNELL'S!

.. We have ..

A VERY .. CHOICE .. THREE-SHILLING .. TEA

We have also a very Superior Tea for 1s. 6d.

Our 2s. 6d. TEA is the best in the market!

F. PARNELL,

february16,fp 131 WATER STREET.

The London Guarantee & Accident Company,

OF LONDON, ENGLAND.

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

HEAD OFFICE FOR NEWFOUNDLAND: 132 WATER STREET, ST. JOHN'S. The Bonds of this Company are accepted as security by the Home, Australian, Canadian, Indian and Colonial Governments. Blank forms can be had, and rates and other particulars given, on application to

June9 T. W. SPRY, Agent for Newfoundland.

TURKEYS.

Those Delicious "Sixpenny" Hams. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED: NINE CASES MORE OF THESE

For Sale by Jas. & Wm. Pitts, Delicious "Sixpenny" Hams, 1 CASE TURKEYS, which we are now selling at McBRIDE'S HILL at the low price of only SIXPENCE per pound, for nett cash only. Weight from 8 to 12 lbs., very prime, ex steamer. feb8,fp "Newfoundland" jan24,fp,eod JAMES MURRAY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Public Meeting

in connection with the Prohibition League, will take place in the Old Temperance Hall, on MONDAY EVENING next, at 8 o'clock. Speakers:—Rev. Dr. Milligan, Rev. George Boyd, Dr. Tait, M.D., and John McDougall, Esq.

"SAVE THE BOYS."

Bring Sankey's Hymn Book. A Collection will be made at the close of the meeting to defray expenses.

feb18,2f,fp J. J. ROGEESON, President.

B. :- I. :- S.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL Meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society, at St. Patrick's Hall, on tomorrow, SUNDAY, immediately after Last Mass.

By order, JOHN KEATING, Sec'y. Schools. feb18,1f

North Sydney Coal

Landing, ex "Ocean Gem," at the wharf of

S. MARCH & SONS,

One Hundred Tons

NORTH SYDNEY COAL

Old mines, coarse and dry. Sent home at

Lowest Market Rates. feb18,2f,fp

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625 brls Family FLOUR, Ayrshire Rose,

250 BRLS FAMILY FLOUR, Zcta.

ROTHWELL & BOWRING

feb18,3f,fp,eod

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THE SUBSCRIBER OFFERS FOR SALE OR

HIRE, A

(Fee-Simple) Waterside Premises,

at Old Pelican; frontage 102 feet, with a good Beach and a Large Store on the same, and the adjoining enclosed Land running in the rear 450 feet; also, a few Lots of Land within a short distance of the above-mentioned property. The whole will be Sold or Let in one or more lots, to suit purchasers. For diagram, and any other particulars, apply to

THOMAS D. COLLINS,

29 Cook's Town.

feb18,2w,3f,fp

Flour .. Flour.

Just Received, per "Portia."

NEW YORK FLOURS.

500 barrels Choice Supers.

500 barrels Choice Extra 2.

250 barrels Choice Extra 1.

feb9,6f,fp,eod

HEARN & Co.

The Annual Festival

of Cochrane Street Methodist Sabbath School will be held in the Basement, on THURSDAY EVENING next, 23rd instant, at 8 o'clock, on the programme of SOLO, DUETS and CHORUSES has been specially prepared. The Entertainment is expected to be superior to that of last year, which was a pronounced success. Tea will be on the tables at half-past six o'clock sharp. A limited number of tickets have been issued, and may be had at 40 Cents each, on and after MONDAY MORNING, at the stores of G. S. Milligan, Jr., Mrs. Dicks, S. Woods, and S. March & Sons.

feb17,fp A. C. SKINNER, Secretary Committee.

FOR SALE,

By HEARN & Co.'s,

100 Brls. White Sugar,

50 Brls. Cut Loaf Sugar,

JUST RECEIVED PER "PORTIA."

feb9,6f,fp,eod

WANTED:

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

WANTED:

A YOUNG LADY, competent to take part in Dramatic Entertainments with T. A. Dramatic Company. Salary—\$5.00 per night, and wardrobe supplied by Company. Apply to T. M. WHITE, at T. A. Hall. feb18,1f

WANTED:

A CHIEF MATE for Brigantine "SAINT JOSEPH." Apply to CAPTAIN on board, at P. & L. Tupper's wharf. feb18,1f

Cook's TOURISTS' Tickets

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

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

GEORGE LEMESSURIER,
 OFFICE: Opposite Commercial Bank, Duckworth Street. feb6,1m,3ifp
 Agent Thomas Cook & Son.
 Post Office address, Box 572.

Great Bargains in Blankets & Calicoes,

AT
WILLIAM FREW'S, 191 WATER STREET.

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

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

NOTE—Canadian and American Silver taken in trade at former value.
 january20

LIME. LIME.

A Great Boon to Farmers and Others.

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

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

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

january30,1m

BUILDERS' SUPPLY STORE, Water Street.

200 M. SEASONED PINE LUMBER,
 1, 1½, 2 and 3-inch.
 WILLIAM CAMPBELL.
 january18

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.
 dec21,3m

The Newfoundland Consolidated Foundry Co., Limited.

—Beg to acquaint the public that they have now on hand a variety of—
 Patterns for Grave & Garden Railings, & for Cresting of Houses,
 and would invite inspection of same.
 Orders left with us for either of the above will have our immediate attention.
 jan1
J. ANGEL, Manager.

FOR SALE BY
John S. Simms,
 TWO TABLE PIANOS.
Candles, Candles
 ON SALE BY
CLIFT, WOOD & CO.
 50 BOXES
Morrill's Celebrated Mould Candles,
 nov7
 6's and 8's—25-lbs. per box. Ex "Pioneer."

GOOD STORIES!
 Ben-Hur by Lew Wallace
 Hope Campbell by C. D. Bell
 Mary Elliot by C. D. Bell
 Kenneth & Hugh by E. Wetherall
 The House in Town by E. Wetherall
 Pine Needles by E. Wetherall
 Little Camp on Eagle Hill by E. Wetherall
 Little Women by Louisa M. Alcott
 Little Wives by S. & A. Warner
 The Gold of Chicago by W. M. L. Jay
 Nettie's Mission by Alice Gray
 Holden with the Cards by the author of Queechy
 The Old Helmet by Susan Warner
 Diana nov8

EGGS!
 Ex s.s. "Bonavista,"
180 doz. P. E. I. Eggs.
 dec18
 CLIFT, WOOD & Co.

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

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 Fifty Cents per inch for first insertion, every continuation, 1st page 25 cents, 2nd and 3rd pages 10 cents per inch.
 Special arrangements made for three, six or twelve months.

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Letters relating to advertisements, job work and other business affairs, to be directed to Wm. J. HERDER, Proprietor.

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

IT WAS A CLOSE CALL

For Sharon, Mackay and Baldwin.

AN ATTEMPT TO WRECK AN EXPRESS TRAIN AND THE ROMANTIC VENGEANCE VISITED UPON THE CRIMINALS.

It all depended upon a man's nerve. Many lives depended on his pluck, and he proved true, but his reward was small.

The following story, now published for the first time, illustrated the slenderness of the thread that supports the sword of Damocles, and also incidentally a peculiarity of railroad management.

In the fall of 1878 Senator Sharon, Lucky Baldwin, Senator Mackay and over a hundred other good (though less known citizens) came within an ace of being killed. They did not know it at the time and probably do not now know how near they were to death. An attempt, however, was made to wreck the east-bound express train on which they were crossing the continent, which would undoubtedly have succeeded but for the coolness and self-control of a section-hand.

The railroad company kept the matter a secret and the facts of the case have never been told until now. The attempt was made at Percy Station, a small place forty miles west of Laramie City. At this point the rolling prairies, which extend west from Omaha, cease, and the broken, hilly country which still farther west becomes the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains begins. At one time Percy was known as a lawless, desperate place, where human life was held very cheap.

It was also known as the headquarters of a gang of desperadoes, several members of which had been connected with the Jesse James gang of Missouri. The leader of the gang was a small man known as Big-Nosed George. His right name was George Vernon. On the night of the 5th of last October, he was taken from the jail in Carbon, a small town a few miles from Percy, and lynched. Before dying, and in hopes that his life might be spared, Vernon confessed the attempt to wreck the Union Pacific train, and also gave the names of his nine confederates. His confession, however, did him no good, as he was the last of the gang.

All the others had been killed in different parts of the West. This is the story of the attempted wreck and its consequences.

THE MEDICINE BOW COUNTRY.
 Ten miles east of Percy, on the top of a divide which separates the Medicine Bow country from the valley of the Platte, is situated a section-house. It is occupied by a boss and six men. One morning in the fall of 1878 Ambrose Gregory, one of the hands, was told to walk into Percy and order some provisions. Immediately after his breakfast he started on his tramp along the railroad track. He had arranged his departure so as to arrive at Percy at the same time as the east-bound express train, on which he intended to return to the section-house. Gregory was an experienced railroad hand, and as he walked he cast his eye along the rails to see that all was well. Suddenly, when five miles out from Percy, the whistle with which he had been cheering his lonely walk, died away in a gasp, and his heart gave a great throb. There was something wrong with the rails. He was about to stop and examine closely, when he saw something flash in the sage brush, some fifty yards ahead of him. He at once realized that his heart was covered by a Winchester rifle, and if he hesitated he was a dead man. He resumed his whistle and kept on walking. His mouth was so dry he could hardly make a sound. Still he knew if he stopped he would be shot, so all the time he was saying to himself the rails had been tampered with, but how?

Then he saw a thin black line extending from the end of a rail out into the sage brush. Everything was clear to him then. He kept on whistling, never changing his pace. For fifty yards every spike had been drawn

from the ties. The black line he had noticed was a wire, the other end of which was held by the desperadoes hidden in the brush. When the train approached their purpose was to displace the rails, and then in the confusion of the horrible wreck which must ensue to rob the dead and dying passengers. All this flashed upon Gregory's mind as a revelation. He also realized that he was being closely watched, and it was absolutely necessary for him to appear to have noticed nothing. His mouth became so dry it was impossible to keep on whistling. He tried to sing a stave of some old song. He found that to be also out of the question. When he had gone some distance beyond the part of the track where the spikes were drawn he stopped, took his pipe from his pocket, and, after lighting it, resumed his journey.

THE HARDEST TRIAL.
 In telling his experience afterward Gregory said the hardest trial of all came when he felt that the villains were behind him and might at any moment send a bullet into his back, and yet he was afraid to look round. When, at last he felt he was beyond the reach of the guns that he knew to be aimed at him, his knees knocked together and he sank exhausted by the roadside. How long he remained there he did not know. He suddenly thought that if he failed to reach Percy before the express train, which only stopped long enough to take on the mail bags, he might be able to make the engineer stop the train, and then the wreck would be inevitable. He sprang to his feet and began to run toward Percy. Just as he reached the outskirts of the town he heard the whistle of the approaching express. He knew he was in time and slackened his pace. When he reached the depot he took the station-master aside and told him what he had seen. Soon the passengers of the express, which was, of course, held, began to inquire the cause of the delay. They were told that a hot-box would keep the train for an hour. In the meantime two handcars, one loaded with tools and workmen and the other with heavily armed men, under the command of Deputy Sheriff's Bob Widowfield and Bob Vincent, were sent to the place where Gregory reported the desperadoes were lurking. As the two handcars reached the top of the hill which commanded a view of the track for some distance, a man was seen to rise suddenly from the sage brush on the crest of the next hill. He immediately fired a pistol in the air, and then made off across the country. When the handcars reached the point from which the man had fired they saw a cavalcade of horsemen disappearing in the distance. The track was quickly put in order and the men returned to Percy. At first it was decided to organize a large party and pursue

but a telegram was received from the officers of the road ordering that the matter be dropped and as little said about it as possible. Widowfield and Vincent, the two Deputy Sheriff's, however, had warrants in their pockets for Big-Nosed George and several members of the gang. They, therefore, determined to pursue the men alone. They armed themselves heavily and started in pursuit. They overtook the desperadoes in the Elk Mountains, but were deceived by ruse and both were killed. The villains mutilated the bodies in a most shocking manner to give the impression that the murder was committed by Indians.

Sheriff Faintosh, as soon as the crime was known, vowed vengeance upon the murderers, and began a pursuit of them which terminated in October of this year, with the death of Big-Nosed George, the leader. Previously he had been instrumental in the capture and death of George Redpath, Walter Owens and a desperado known as Fearless Jim. Two others became involved in the quarrel, which resulted in a duel that terminated fatally to both, and one died a natural death. L. M. WARD.

HE LOVES A FINE DOG.

'You have a fine large family of children,' said the visitor.
 'Oh, yes,' he sighed wearily; 'house is full of 'em. Can't go in any direction 'thout steppin' on a young'un. Always in the way. Drat 'em!'

'I should think,' pursued the visitor, 'you would be afraid some of these ferocious-looking dogs would bite the little darlings.'
 'Dogs!' exclaimed the father brightening up. 'Ain't they beauties! I got \$50 that says they 'ain't 'leven finer hounds in all these parts!'

A COLD, CLEAR VOICE.

'LODEMLA,' called out the clear cold voice of Mr. Jarvis from the head of the stairway, 'has that young man gone yet?'

Deep silence in the parlour.

'If he has not,' continued the voice, 'will you have the kindness to remind him that it is our custom to have family prayers half an hour before breakfast?'

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but a telegram was received from the officers of the road ordering that the matter be dropped and as little said about it as possible. Widowfield and Vincent, the two Deputy Sheriff's, however, had warrants in their pockets for Big-Nosed George and several members of the gang. They, therefore, determined to pursue the men alone. They armed themselves heavily and started in pursuit. They overtook the desperadoes in the Elk Mountains, but were deceived by ruse and both were killed. The villains mutilated the bodies in a most shocking manner to give the impression that the murder was committed by Indians.

Sheriff Faintosh, as soon as the crime was known, vowed vengeance upon the murderers, and began a pursuit of them which terminated in October of this year, with the death of Big-Nosed George, the leader. Previously he had been instrumental in the capture and death of George Redpath, Walter Owens and a desperado known as Fearless Jim. Two others became involved in the quarrel, which resulted in a duel that terminated fatally to both, and one died a natural death. L. M. WARD.

'You have a fine large family of children,' said the visitor.
 'Oh, yes,' he sighed wearily; 'house is full of 'em. Can't go in any direction 'thout steppin' on a young'un. Always in the way. Drat 'em!'

'I should think,' pursued the visitor, 'you would be afraid some of these ferocious-looking dogs would bite the little darlings.'
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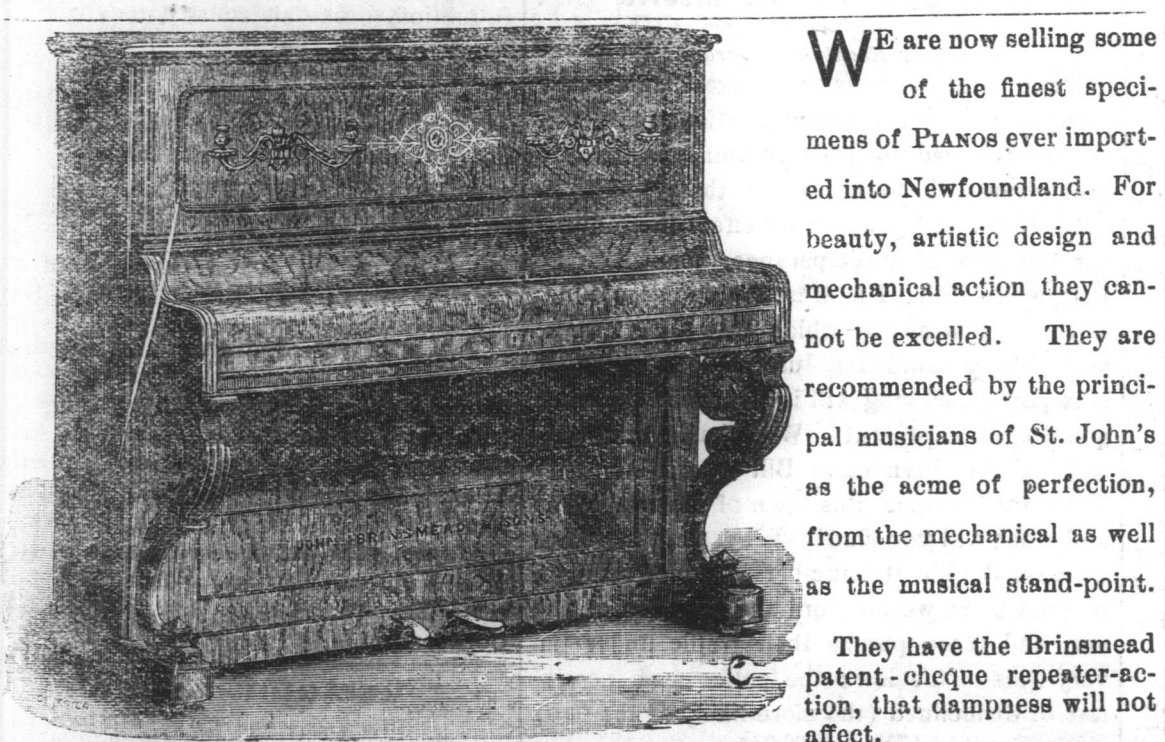
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CHAPTER XLI.
(Continued.)
'Miss Cameron,' she said, 'pray be careful of your keys.'
'I think you have all taken alarm about my keys,' commented Adelaide, smiling. 'Mr. Beale has been saying the same thing.'
'Mr. Beale is a very sensible gentleman, madam, and he would not have said so much without reason, you may be sure of that.'
Margarita's face flushed hotly. The indignity seemed to her almost greater than she could bear. Mrs. Grame's look was one of unutterable scorn. She evidently thought Mr. Beale had grounds for his suspicion, and had done well to open his mind. She lingered half a minute, as though she would fain say more. She looked from the fair calm face that shone from amongst the soft clouds of golden hair to the dark restless one, and then, thinking perhaps that prudence was after all the better part, she went away.

But as she went she said to herself that evidently she was not the only one who was suspicious about Miss Avenel. Mr. Beale—than whom no shrewder gentleman ever lived—was plainly of her opinion.
'And what would he think of her,' said Mrs. Grame to herself, 'if he knew as much of her as I know—if he knew that she had come to see the house before she lived in it, and had asked questions about the will?'
She half decided that it was her duty to tell Mr. Beale all on the morrow.
'And those keys,' she thought—'she tried to get them last night. She may make what excuses she will, but I am sure she is staying in my lady's room to get them to-night. I saw her eyes light with fire when I carried them in.'

CHAPTER XLII.

LADY RYLESTONE stood alone in her room; the hour for which she had hoped and prayed was come at last, and its coming was like the crowning act of a tragedy to her. Outside was the calm silence of the September night—the moon was hidden by clouds, the stars peeped out here and there. There was hardly a sound to break the perfect repose; only the wind rustled through the bare branches.
She had waited for this hour. There was a profound silence in the stately mansion; the servants had all gone to their rooms. She had lingered with Miss Cameron until she dared linger no longer; and then, unperceived by Adelaide, she had noiselessly withdrawn the bunch of keys that she wanted, and hidden them in her dress. She had bidden Adelaide good-night, trusting to 'the chapter of accidents' that she would not discover the absence of the keys.

'If she does, and makes any inquiries,' said Margarita to herself, 'I shall be ruined; but she hardly thought it probable.
She had put the basket in its accustomed place, and she felt sure that Adelaide would not examine its contents. And then she had gone to her own room, and waited there until the whole house was silent and every sound had ceased. Midnight struck, then one, then two. She believed herself perfectly safe; she had removed her flowers, jewels, and evening dress, and had put on a black robe, thinking it safer than a white one. In the darkness of the night, even should any one by some unhappy mischance meet her, there was greater probability of escape if she wore a dark dress. She resolved to take matches and a taper down with her; and, when she had reached the library, after locking the door, she could procure a light.

It was two o'clock, and in the dense unbroken silence she opened her door cautiously and looked out. There was no sound—no movement; the darkness of night could not have been more friendly—the silence could not have been more profound. Yet her heart beat fast, her hands burned, her limbs trembled, her lips were dry and parched; it seemed to her that in that intense stillness she could hear the beating of her heart—and the fancied sound frightened her.
'I am not a midnight robber,' she said to herself; 'my errand is a just one. Why should I fear? It is all for my husband's sake.'

(To be continued.)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Speech of the Hon. G. Rendell.

THURSDAY, February 16th.
HIS EXCELLENCY and suite having withdrawn, the "opening speech" was read by the clerk. The commission of the Hon. George Rendell, recently appointed to the Legislative Council, was also read.

Hon. G. RENDELL then rose and said that in making the motion that he had the honor of now submitting to the House, having reference to the speech with which this session of the Legislature has been opened, one's thoughts naturally turn to the circumstance of His Excellency's first meeting the legislative bodies, even though he had not in the first sentences of his speech called our attention to it. And it is a subject of congratulation to all of us that we find placed over us one of his ability and experience, who assumes the duties of his exalted position with a full sense of the responsibility it involves, and which he assures us shall be discharged in accordance with strict constitutional principles. These sentiments augur well for the future of His Excellency's presidency over the affairs of the colony. In expressing his (Mr. R.'s) own views regarding His Excellency's advent amongst us, he thought he would be sustained by other hon. members in marking his appreciation of the lively interest he had already manifested in the affairs of the colony. During his, as yet, brief residence amongst us, he has visited the towns and settlements within reasonable distance of Saint John's, and has evinced an earnest desire to become practically acquainted with the country, its requirements and capabilities. It is also satisfactory to learn of his recognition of the cordial reception extended to him by the people of those localities within the scope of his visit. As regards the main topics of the speech: the fisheries on this, as on former occasions, and will doubtless in the future, occupy a prominent place. Success and failure are intimately blended in treating of those subjects, but it is pleasing to know that in some branches a gleam of light shines through the darkness. The lobster fishery is a comparatively new industry, but during its brief existence it has proved successful, and is gradually being extended around the Island with profitable returns, he believed, to those engaging in it. The Bank and Labrador fisheries also proved successful, more particularly the former. This branch of our industries has only recently been re-constituted, but has within a few years rapidly extended, and bids fair to go on increasing. It will thus continue to afford the means of support to a large number of fishermen whose condition in recent years has been gradually becoming worse and worse, owing to the decline of the Shore and Labrador fisheries. In the season just passed the cod-fishery on the coast of the Island, especially at the Northward, and at Labrador was very much below the average, which, taken in connection with the failure of the herring fishery on the latter coast, was productive of unfortunate results, though in some measure compensated for by enhanced prices. This continued failure of these fisheries, if it be a failure, is a subject for earnest reflection. Whether the annual catch nowadays be less than formerly he was unprepared to say; but the results bring us face to face with the difficulty arising from the fact that at the present time there is a much larger number of people trying to live on the produce, than when our population was considerably less. At present fifteen or twenty persons are striving to draw a living out of that which formerly supported ten. The natural result of such an untoward state of affairs is increasing poverty in many places, and this was the case last year more particularly at the Northward and Labrador, where the distress was alleviated as far as possible by the Government. If we were to anticipate an indefinite demand upon the revenue of the colony to supply the deficiency in the support of the people resulting from short fisheries, a serious consideration is presented to our minds. Such a course would swallow up the means for public improvement and the ones would fall upon those who may have been fairly successful in business. These circumstances suggest two considerations: first the necessity if possible to preserve and increase the supply of food-fishes which are indispensable in our industrial and commercial economy. Secondly, the diversion of the labor of a large proportion of the people into channels and pursuits other than that which they have heretofore adhered to. The preservation of the fisheries is at present a subject of enquiry by a commission appointed last session by the Legislature, and upon their report probably some substantive action may be taken in this laudable direction. It always seemed to him that we Newfoundlanders know very little about that by which as it were we live and move and have our being. The habits and movements of the cod and other fish coming on our coasts are to a great extent a sealed book to us, and it is time that such ignorance should be dispelled. Another point to which failure of the fisheries and the need of occupation lead up is the cultivation of the soil. Naturally agriculture is the next best thing to the fisheries. He (Mr. R.) was not an enthusiast nor one to go into ecstasies upon the capabilities of the soil of Newfoundland; yet he felt convinced that it is susceptible of being rendered productive to a very large and profitable extent. And he was firmly of the opinion that if the labor now expended by the fishermen, often, he regretted to say, fruitlessly, were devoted to tilling the land, much more beneficial returns would accrue to them. He believed the fishermen of this colony are as hard working a class of men as any in the world, and that nowhere was so much labor given for such small return, in too many cases. If, then, they could be enticed into cultivation of the soil, an improvement in their circumstances would soon be manifest. It was, no doubt, difficult to induce fishermen to abandon their accustomed and cherished pursuit for that of agriculture; but when pauperism stares us in the face, some alternative must be essayed. And he would say that, in no country has any Government held out such liberal offers of assistance to the laboring man to cultivate the soil as in Newfoundland. Not only is the land obtainable free, but the intending settler is paid for clearing a large portion of his grant; and it is strange that, in the face of such generous en-

couragement, a large number of persons has not availed of it. Another industry that formerly employed many of the people has declined, to a degree, that all must regret—that is the seal fishery. Last season fewer ships and men engaged in that fishery than for many preceding years, and the result was generally unremunerative. Nothing could well be worse, but we must hope for better success the coming season, though it is beyond question that this is a declining business, and possibly the Bank fishery will hereafter take its place. There is no doubt that in former times the sealing voyage interfered with the prosecution of the Shore fishery; the men engaged were kept out so late in the spring, and it prevented the prosecution of the Shore and Bank fisheries together. One branch of our industries that shows encouraging symptoms is the mining business. The advanced price of copper ore has given an impetus to mining operations during the past year, and good results must follow. He considered the best consequences that flow from mining enterprise is, that it gives the operatives good daily wages for a full day's work. He thought that the best and most useful population in any country are those who have regular employment and daily pay; far preferable to the uncertainty of precarious fisheries, which may yield large profits for a brief period and leave the fishermen six months of the year without anything to do. At the same time mining operations can only employ a limited number of hands; but, if extended, the results will confer proportionate benefit upon the country. Respecting the shipbuilding bounty we are brought to the consideration of a business that is especially suited to the people of this country. Newfoundlanders are as capable shipbuilders as are to be found anywhere, and with the stimulus given by Government they will, he had no doubt, produce all the vessels necessary for the prosecution of the Bank fishery outfitting for this colony. He thought better vessels of their kind, nor prettier, where care is taken, can be turned out in any country than are turned out of the builders' hands at the northward of this island. This is a work too that affords employment in the winter time when there is generally a stagnation of labor in other directions; hence, no portion of the public funds could be more beneficially applied than in its promotion. He should not now discuss the subject of the Bait Act. That has been already fully ventilated during the two preceding sessions, but he should express his satisfaction at the obtaining of the Royal assent, and at the prospect of the early operation of its provisions. Still greater was his satisfaction to see the Government avowal of their determination to enforce it, because, if allowed to remain dormant, we should exhibit ourselves as a laughing-stock to all concerned in the measure. We are told in the speech of the consummation of a new contract for the Coastal Steam Service, embracing the Halifax winter service, and on a scale and at a cost that must be satisfactory to the country. We shall hereafter have the service performed by larger and faster steamers, with greater carrying capacity and superior accommodation, at a less cost than was heretofore paid for the coastal service alone; and seeing whose hands the contract is in he had no doubt it will be faithfully carried out. Having a winter line of our own to Halifax would seem to place us in a better position than heretofore for the carriage of our mails to and from Europe by an occasional line. Whether any better contract than that which previously existed can be obtained he could not say, but thought the competition for an ocean service was not likely to be very strong. However, the matter is in the hands of the Government, and he trusted the best possible arrangements in the public interest will be made. He thought this a fitting opportunity, before going into ecstasies over the new coastal steam contract, to say a good word for the old one. Some twelve or fourteen years ago the *Flower* and *Curlew* were placed upon the coastal route, and when they began the service we thought, and deservedly so, very highly of them. They were a vast improvement upon their predecessors: they did their work remarkably well, and without serious mishap, until the loss of one of them last Fall. He thought he was correct in saying that no life has been lost from these ships; certainly no passenger, nor any one, owing to remissness upon the part of those managing them. They have carried thousands of passengers; have sometimes been crowded to excess, and though fault has been found upon that score, it always seemed to him that such a condition of things, when it occurred, arose from necessity, as frequently

hundreds of people had to be conveyed home from the northward when there was no other opportunity open to them. With the employment of larger steamers this evil may be remedied, but whether they will be able to do the work as well otherwise remains to be seen. He was glad to find that the Placentia railroad is so near completion. He thought the opening up of this line to trade with the westward will be productive of much good. In these days of progress we might as well be out of the world as without railroads, and even though not remunerative in a financial point of view, they confer facilities and accommodation that, having once enjoyed, we should not like to be deprived of. Were the railroad to Harbor Grace closed for a week, he thought we should all feel that we had received a serious set back; the business community especially, as it is of immense benefit to them. In connection with railroads, the suggestion to place steamers upon the Bays that may be connected with them is a wise one. Trinity and Placentia Bays may easily be brought into this connection, and as large coastal steamers will hereafter be employed which will only be able to call at the principal harbors, smaller steamers to establish communication with the lesser ports will be necessary. If Bonavista Bay, as well as Placentia and Trinity Bays, could be thus connected with the railroad, a great advance will have been made. With the question of the Washington commission we have little to do at present. When the report of the commission comes before us we shall have an opportunity to consider it. Neither does the Barcelona Exhibition call for much comment just now, but it is satisfactory to learn that the Government have taken steps for the representation of this colony, such as, he hoped, will result advantageously for it. The litigation between the Government and the Railway Company, as regards the subsidy, is now at an end. Whatever the result may be, there is no doubt the Government has a claim against the company for damages for non-fulfilment of contract, and he trusted a satisfactory adjudication between them will be arrived at. There is another question, one of serious importance, alluded to in the speech; that of municipal arrangements for the town of St. John's. It is a subject we have hitherto rather shirked dealing with, nevertheless; we must make up our minds to face it sooner or later. It has to be done, and the only way to arrange it is, while acting beneficially towards the interests and requirements of the town, not to act unfairly towards the owners of property. It is a question beset with difficulties; but when the Government bring forward a measure upon the subject its details can be scrutinized and discussed. There is one or two points of minor importance in the speech, such as telegraph extension north, which do not demand comment, but the closing paragraphs call for some notice. The immunity of the colony from epidemic disease and other public calamities is one of those blessings which we should feel devoutly thankful for, but which we passively refer to and are too prone to forget. We cannot fail to remember the harrowing intelligence conveyed to us by the public telegrams, week by week and day by day, of devastation and death by fires, floods, earthquakes, epidemic diseases, loss of life, volcanic eruptions, and other calamities. While we cannot expect to be exempt from disease or accident by sea or land, yet he trusted that during the present and succeeding years, the record of absence of serious crime will not be broken, and that this colony may continue to present the fair fame in the future which it enjoys at present. With these remarks he begged to move that a select committee be appointed to prepare an address in reply to His Excellency's speech.

(To be continued.)

A CURIOUS PHENOMENON.

A curious phenomenon occurred on Thursday on a piece of agricultural land between the Torbay and Portugal Cove Roads, a little way inside the King's Bridge. This was the appearance of myriads of grubs on the surface of the snow covering a field. In size they are something over an inch long and resemble in appearance the large butterfly caterpillar. They were not denuded by the frosty element, but moved along the snow full of vitality. How they came there, whether they crawled up through the earth and snow to satisfy a craving to breathe, or whether they "fell from the sky in a shower," as the country people say, remains a mystery. Mr. Jas. L. Noonan collected quite a lot of them on the snow in a field near his house and subsequently brought them out to his office as curiosities of the season, as they certainly are. Some fourteen years ago the same occurrence took place in the same locality, which is regarded as being infested by the insect pests of the farmer to a greater extent than any other equal portion of the district. Whether the present batch are merely the advance-guard of a big army to come when the spring opens remains to be seen; but it looks as if agriculturists in that neighborhood will have to resort to every possible device to save their crops after the young shoots shall have appeared over ground. Young turnip greens have been repeatedly destroyed, even to the third sowing, by a noxious spider which preys upon the leaves, but the present grub is of a different habit and bodes more widespread devastation than the tapping-fly. A plague of caterpillars appeared in the same neighborhood about fourteen years ago, but in mid-summer, and gave the farmers there the greatest trouble for some years afterwards.

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 18, 1888.

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Unanimous Sentiment in Favor of Sir William Whiteway.

THE present session of the Legislature, which opened on Thursday afternoon, promises to be one of the most barren and unfruitful ever held by a constitutional Assembly. This assertion is not based on mere conjecture, nor is it the outcome of political prejudice. It is fully warranted by the language of the opening Speech itself, which contains nothing whatever of a hopeful or interesting nature. Nay, more: it does not express a single original thought or progressive idea. Like the book of Jeremiah, it only speaks of departed glory and contrasts the past history of a once prosperous and happy country, with the present sufferings of a people plundered and pauperized by dishonest, extravagant and incompetent rulers.

We say, no ray of hope lights up the gloomy horizon—no words of encouragement are contained in that precious document, for the suffering, STARVING fishermen of our Northern districts; not a solitary new measure of any kind is foreshadowed, or even hinted at in the entire rigmurle of nearly two columns of thinly-leaded matter.

Now, what is the inference to be drawn therefrom? Why, simply that the tax-paying capacity of the country has been exhausted by the crushing, ruinous demands of our present rulers, and that even absolutely necessary measures must be indefinitely postponed, or not considered at all, until some, at least, of those extravagant and unnecessary obligations have been discharged. Clearly, then, the people have nothing whatever to expect in the way of progress or improvement from the men who now usurp the offices of State.

It is fortunate for the colony, and especially so for her hardy and industrious fishing population, that Sir William Whiteway has re-entered the political arena and offered to unfold the banner of progress, prosperity and plenty once more. Without such a leader—such an experienced and prudent statesman to take the lead at this unhappy period in our colonial history, we should be of all people the most miserable. His presence, however, at the head of the patriotic party now getting ready to "rally round" the standard of reform and retrenchment, which will shortly be "nailed to the political mast," allays public anxiety and assures us of brighter prospects and happier days in the not very distant future.

It should be clearly understood at once that the present movement in the direction of clean Government is intended to be "a popular movement" in every sense of the term. The leaders thereof, almost without exception, are men of means and intelligence. Indeed, with respect to some of them, we are in a position to know that they are mainly actuated by one desire, namely: to do the greatest amount of good possible to the largest number of their fellow-countrymen. In view of this very important circumstance—this assurance of unselfishness on the part of Sir William Whiteway and his friends—is it not, we ask, the duty of THE PEOPLE to sympathize with, and give a hearty support to, the Opposition in their efforts to cleanse and purify our political institutions? Certainly it is, and we believe all classes of the population will warmly respond to the call of Sir William Whiteway, and follow him, enthusiastically, until victory has been achieved and the affairs of poor old Newfoundland are restored to a normal condition of prosperity. Now, then, let us shake off the fetters of denominational and party restraint and rise to the dignity of perfect manhood in this respect—let us be free in thought and free in action.

Who are the foes?
They who have scorn'd the tyrant and his rod,
And bow'd in worship unto none but God;
They who have made the conqueror's glory dim—
Unchain'd in soul, though manacled in limb—
Unward'd by prejudice—sunaw'd by wrong;
Friends to the weak, and fearless of the strong.
They who could change not with the changing hour.
The self-same men in peril and in power;
True to the law of right, as warmly prone
To grant another's as maintain their own;
Foes of oppression whoso'er he be—
These are the proudly free.

It is not true, as stated by the Mercury on Wednesday, that "the Government is strong in the House, as well as in the confidence of the country." We admit that they are more numerous than the Opposition. But that doesn't count for much in the opinion of intelligent people, particularly when it is generally understood that more than two-thirds of those who occupy the Government benches are empty-headed office-seekers, who know no more about the science of politics or political economy than

the lighthouse keeper at Cape Ray does about the pandoets of Justinian. Then, as regards "the confidence reposed in them by the country." Surely that assertion must be intended only as a joke. At all events, the opinion prevails everywhere that no district in the country would, if appealed to by the Government to-morrow, return a candidate pledged to support the policy of the Thorburn Administration.

On the other hand, the Opposition in the Assembly, though numerically weak, are rendered invincible through the powerful public sentiment by which they are sustained outside. It is obvious, then, that the next general election—no matter what time it occurs—will scourge the present unfaithful and dishonest public stewards from office and put in their places men worthy of the people's respect and confidence.

OUR SENATORS IN SESSION.

Dull and Lifeless Proceedings

NOTHING could be imagined more dull and lifeless than the proceedings in the Assembly on Thursday during the discussion on the motion for an address in reply to the Governor's speech. It is safe to say that not in the wide world, since representative government has been enjoyed by man, has any popular body of the kind, in commencing its deliberations, exhibited so tame and sorry a spectacle, one so utterly devoid of interest or feeling. In one of Anderson's fairy tales there is a story of an adventurous youth entering the richly cultivated grounds and gardens of a palace, led by curiosity to examine the beautiful place; but, as he went, no living being interrupted him. He passed through shady avenues, and by parterres of flowers, but not a soul challenged his progress. Astonished, he made his way to the grand entrance of the mansion; guards stood there, but they were asleep at their posts; up the magnificent staircase he continued his way till he entered the great banquetting chamber; it was filled with guests, but all were wrapped in deep repose. This appeared to be the state of the House of Assembly on Thursday, so quiescent was everything; its tenants were not asleep, but they acted like men in sleep—they were dumb, and some of them yawned outright. Mr. LeMessurier and Mr. Kane, the mover and seconder of the address in reply, had it in their power to throw some life into the proceedings, but the prevailing stagnation was too much for them—everyone was jaded. The atmosphere oppressed the spirits of even the doorkeepers; and Mr. Sheppard and Captain John Hally, usually so jolly in welcoming old-time friends, positively took the tickets held out to them by the invited ones, with sighs and groans and lamentations over the departed "good old times." Yet the Government leaders need not have lost heart so completely. They might have seen Mr. P. J. Scott, the leader of the renegade Liberals, and Mr. Receiver General Donnelly in confidential confab, and inferred that their weakening cohorts could receive accessions when "wanted" from the opposite side. Mr. Scott made a speech afterwards against the Government. How absurd! It was the result of a private understanding between him and the Receiver General. No wonder that the Attorney General Winter's face wore a Mephistophelean smile, a sneering expression toward the faithful four—the real Opposition—as Mr. Scott proceeded. "He knew his men," and their price.

As on the first occasion, the singing of the national anthem brought a most pleasant evening to a loyal conclusion, and the audience dispersed to their homes, thoroughly satisfied, to look forward with longing to the Easter holidays, when it is hoped another pleasant evening is in store for them.

The proceeds of these entertainments go towards the Church Building Fund. Thanking you for your space, I am, yours, &c.

FROM BAY DE VERDE.

Rev. Wm. How and His Friends.
NOT QUITE OUT OF THE FASHION.

DEAR SIR,—As I often see in your widely-read paper reports of various entertainments, I venture to ask for a little space, to let the world know that even here at Bay de Verde we are not quite out of the fashion.

Out-harbors are generally very dull during the winter. And these hard times this dullness prevails even at the glad Christmas season. So this year the Rev. W. How resolved to attempt to get up at least one evening's amusement for the Christmas week. Nothing of the kind had before been attempted as far as I can ascertain. Consequently much curiosity was aroused and when (after two postponements, caused by deaths in the community) at last the day (Monday, Jan. 9th) arrived, and the Church of England School-room was crowded with an expectant audience. The programme consisted of recitations and simple dialogues, given by the school-children; songs by Mrs. How, Miss How, and the Rev. W. How; and, last but not least, the energetic school-master, Mr. W. House, gave a couple of humorous recitations in the Irish brogue. It was so evident that this first attempt had been successful that the reverend chairman announced that he hoped another entertainment would be given before Lent.

This hope was fulfilled on Thursday last, 9th inst., and again success rewarded our efforts. The room was filled again, and for exactly two hours the audience were kept thoroughly amused. Songs, glees and dialogues were all received with great applause, and the climax was reached when "Brudder Bones," Sambo, and Mr. Jonsing, appeared upon the stage in capital costumes and gave an account of their travels, courtships, &c., to the intense delight of their audience.

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FROM HARBOR GRACE.

Sad Failure of the Permissive Bill.

DEAR SIR,—It was with great interest I perused the several communications that have lately appeared in your columns relative to prohibition. I do not think that "high license" will have any better effect in eradicating the evil of intemperance, than has the Permissive Bill. I look upon total prohibition as the only means by which the subject can be successfully handled. Just as long as liquor is imported, as long will it be sold in the same quantity as at present. What has been the effect of the Permissive Bill where adopted? Take, for instance, this town of Harbor Grace and what will you find? Why, that there are at least double the number of liquor retailers to what there were before the adoption of the act, and these pursue their traffic under the very eyes of the law; the police seem powerless or disinclined (the more likely of the two) to act in the matter. Drunkenness now has increased in a like proportion.

Young men are permitted to continue their orgies through the night in these shebeens, and furnished with beds during the day in which to sleep off their debaucheries. In licensed houses this would not be permitted, as it was found better to obey the law in the matter. "High license" will have the same or perhaps a worse effect, because with it the drunkenness and debauchery of the shebeen will take advantage of privileges accorded the richer licensed retailer to throw off the little appearance of disguise and stealth they now assume and come forth under the very light of day. Let us have nothing short of prohibition, because less than it will not have the desired effect. The Rev. Mr. Boyd's letter in your columns of the 14th inst., ably proves that such is the case. Yours very truly,
Harbor Grace, Feb. 16, '88. ALPHA.

MESSRS. BOWRING'S sealing steamer Kite will again try what fortune there is in the Gulf fishery this spring, and will sail for Chancel, where she will clear out about the 5th prox. She will be commanded by Captain Ash. Their other two steamers, the Eagle and the Falcon, will conduct the voyage off the northern coast. The former will be under the command of Captain Arthur Jackman, and the latter under that of Captain William Kne. The Eagle will take about 350 of a crew; the Falcon, 330; and the Kite 100—a total of 780 men.

The Dundee sealing steamer Polynia is now due here.

THE 'MERCURY' AND THE DEBATES.

Neglect or Incompetency Somewhere.

Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR,—I was surprised and disgusted when I took up the Mercury of last evening and found that the proceedings of the House of Assembly on the opening day were not published. Now, who is to blame? Is it Mr. Walsh, the supervisor, or the owners of the Mercury? I find the page of the Mercury where one would naturally look for the debates of the House filled up with such extracts as "The Wheels Stopped by Fish," "How to Judge Canned Goods," "Admission by Ticket to the House of Assembly," "The Speech from the Throne," &c. Now, as this is the beginning of the session, I would wish to tell Mr. Thos. Walsh that it is my intention to watch him very closely this session, and also the Mercury man, to see who is to blame for having reports hashed up when they are a week old. The reason the Mercury people are paid the enormous sum they receive for publishing the debates is that they may be immediately before the public, so as the public may take action on the matter debated. Every citizen has not time to go and sit in the House. If it was not for this reason it would be just as well to give it to the Advocate and have the March debates published in July. It is simply ridiculous to say that the few words spoken by Mr. Henry LeMessurier and Mr. Abraham Kean on the opening of the House are not yet in print. If the Mercury can't do the work, there are other papers who will, and for less money. If Mr. Walsh is too busy to revise, let some person else be appointed. Yours truly,
A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY.
St. John's, Feb. 18th, 1888.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

MAILS per Newfoundland close at eleven o'clock on Monday night.

The coastal boat Curlew, Captain Delaney, went west this morning with passengers, mails and freight.

Our third page to-day contains the Hon. George Rendell's speech in the Legislative Council on Thursday last.

The concluding part of Rev. T. Hodgkinson's lecture on "Public Speaking" is unavoidably held over till Monday.

The Parade Rink was thronged with skaters last evening, a specially fine programme of music being the drawing attraction. The ice was smooth as glass.

A MAN named Tilly fell from a stairway near the machinery in Mr. Harvey's bakery on Thursday, and striking against some gearing in motion, broke his collar-bone.

THE T. A. Dramatic Company desire to acknowledge the kindness of Prof. Bennett in allowing his String Band gratuitously at the entertainment for the night school.

THE T. A. & B. Society's Reading Room and Library Committee thankfully acknowledge the receipt of a donation of sixteen dollars from Messrs. Brien Brothers, Brien.

It will be observed from the names on the following list that the entertainment next Monday evening cannot fail of being a great success. All the favorites will be heard—a cluster of those who are sweetest and brightest in our firmament of melody. Here are the names of each bright particular star.—Mrs. O'Dwyer, Mrs. Bradshaw, Misses Fisher, Jardine, Vigners, Murphy, Foran, Colonel Fawcett, Mr. W. Rennie, Dr. H. Rendell, Mr. Corner.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

SUNDAY, Feb. 19.
GOWER-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. J. Parkins; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. G. Boyd.
COCHRANE-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A.; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. J. Parkins.
GEORGE-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. John Pratt; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. T. Hodgkinson.
ALEXANDER-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. G. Boyd; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. John Pratt.
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—At 11 A.M. and at 6.30 P.M., Rev. W. Graham.
QUEEN'S ROAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—At 11 A.M., Rev. T. Hodgkinson; at 6.30 P.M., Rev. G. Boyd.
REFORMED CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—TRINITY CHURCH.—At 11 A.M. and at 6.30 P.M., Rev. A. N. Suckling.
GOSPEL TEMPERANCE SERVICE in Buchanan Street Schoolroom every Sunday at 3 P.M. All are cordially invited.
Service in Temperance Hall on Sunday evening at 8.15 o'clock, under the auspices of "Young Men's Christian Association." All are invited.

BIRTH.

On the 14th instant, the wife of H. T. Tapper, of a daughter.

DIED.

Lost at sea, on George's Bank, in December, Captain James Rossiter, of the schooner "T. W. Parsons," a native of St. John's, Nfld.

At Little Bay, on Monday, 13th instant, Robert F. Malcolm, of St. John's, aged 29 years; leaving a wife and four children to mourn their sad loss.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.
18—Seretha, Harvey, Paraisa, 25 days, P & L Essler—ballast. Ethel, Sopp, New York, 11 days, Job, Bros & Co.—1716 bbls., 1575 sacks flour, 20 cases paint, 28 bbls beer, 25 bbls beef, 87 bbls pork, 20 bbls syrup, 50 bbls sugar, 12 bales leather. Mayflower, Cross, Pernambuco, 34 days, E. Duder—ballast. Mary E. Bliss, Fanning, Halifax, 17 days, J & W Pith—87 bbls hay, 72 qtrs, 2 casks beef, 312 pces deal, 4 bbls beef.
LOADING.
Feb. 14—Stonehouse, West Indies, Job, Bros & Co
15—Rosa Meek, Britain, A Goodridge & Sons,
16—Ariel, Brazil, Bowring Bros.
18—St Joseph, Brazil, P & L Essler.