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By Telegraph

The Emperor and the Military Bill.

NEW YORK BAY FROZEN.

Intense Cold in New England.

THERMOMETER 35 BELOW ZERO.

"Portia" Arrives at Halifax.

BIG FIRE IN MONTREAL.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 23.
Emperor William, while replying to an address from the Lantag, expressed regret that the military bill increased financial demands, but this was absolutely necessary considering the armaments of neighboring powers.

New York bay is frozen over, and tugs find difficulty in keeping the track open. The cold is intense and the mercury in New England is 35 below zero.

A Socialist meeting in London was prevented yesterday.

The weekly mail steamer Oregon arrived this morning.

The steamer Portia arrived at Halifax yesterday.

Montreal furniture and hat factories, and spice mills have been destroyed by fire. Loss two hundred thousand dollars.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction—beef, mutton, etc. Clift, Wood & Co
Auction—brandy and gin. John S Simms
Auction—bank shares, etc. John T. Gillard
Auction—property. See advertisement
Notice to debtors. J. & W. Boyd
Vocal and instrumental concert. In Synod Hall
Oranges, onions and apples. James Murray
Card. William Clapp
Prohibition League Meeting. Old Temperance Hall
Evening classes and private tuitions. W. O'Connor
Grand masquerade. At Parade Rink
Genuine Mont Bernard tobacco. At F. Parnell's
Hay, oats, bran, feed, pollard, etc. At Brooking's
Lost—a gold brooch. Return to this office
Wanted—a general servant. Ap. to Mrs. Dickinson

GOLD PENS AND PEN-HOLDERS, UNIQUE Paper Cutters, Silver Five o'clock Teaspoons, Engagement Rings, Dress Rings, and Wedding Rings, &c. Preserve your Precious Eyesight by Procuring a Pair of LAURANCE'S Spectacles at N. OHMAN'S, Atlantic Hotel Building, Water Street.

AUCTION SALES.

On **MONDAY** next, 23rd inst. at the Shop opp. Mr. R. Harvey, at **11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,**

and to be continued daily until the Stock is disposed of.

All the BALANCE OF GOODS

belonging to the Insolvent Estate of MR. THOMAS MCCONNAN.

BOOKS :- STATIONERY,

and a large variety of Fancy Goods. JOHN McL. FRASER, Agent for Mortgagee.

To-morrow, **TUESDAY**, at 11 o'clock, By **JAMES HYNES,**

[At his Rooms, opposite Messrs. Job, Brothers & Co.]
20 QUARTERS PRIME FRESH BEEF,
100 PIECES BEEF, 15 BOXES BISCUITS— assorted, 5 bris pilot biscuits, 5 boxes oranges, 3 keps grapes, 10 bris onions, 50 tube butter, 12 bris flour, 10 bris pigs' heads, 5 bris pork, 25 geese, 15 turkeys, 1 double sleigh, 1 side sleigh, and at 12 o'clock — 50 DOZ CABBAGE, 10 BRIS TURNIPS. jan23

To-morrow, **TUESDAY**, at 11 o'clock, ON THE WHARF OF

CLIFT, WOOD & Co.,
50 quarters Prime Fresh P.E.I. Beef,
20 cases Prime Fresh P.E.I. Mutton.

jan23 Ex schr. "Lizzie" from P. E. Island.

On **WEDNESDAY** next, at 12 o'clock, at the Examining Warehouse,

QUEEN'S WHARF,

6 cases **BRANDY.**
5 cases **CORDIALS** (Cassie Wine)
5 cases **GIN.**

jan23 JOHN S. SIMMS, Auctioneer.

On **THURSDAY**, 2nd Feb'y next, at 1 o'clock, IN THE

COMMERCIAL SALE-ROOM,

15 Shares in the Commercial Bank.
15 Shares in the St. John's Nail Manufacturing Company.
28 Shares in the Consolidated Foundry Company.

jan23, m, w, s, f, p JOHN T. GILLARD, Auctioneer.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO BE SOLD,

(if not previously disposed of by private sale.)
BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE PREMISES, at Brigus, on TUESDAY, the 31st January, at 12 o'clock noon, the following property belonging to the estate of the late Nathan Norman, situate at Brigus, viz.: The premises known as the Battery Property, including the waterside. Also, a store southeast of the public wharf, with the waterside; also, the store and waterside at the head of the public wharf. The same will be sold together or in lots to suit purchasers. Possession given immediately if required. The above property is admirably adapted to carry on a bank or general fishery business. For further particulars apply to

MUNDEN NORMAN, Executor, (Brigus).
A. O. HAYWARD, Solicitor, (St. John's).
W. A. GREEN, (Brigus) Auctioneer.

jan23, ll

CARD!

WILLIAM CLAPP,

SOLICITOR, ETC.
OFFICE: "Telegram" Building, Duckworth Street.

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Special Notice To Outport Customers.

ALL goods ordered from us per mail or telegraph will be PROMPTLY SHIPPED, and delivered FREE OF CHARGE by our own carts at the Railway Depot, the Coastal Steamers, or any other conveyance specified, ON THE VERY FIRST OPPORTUNITY after receipt of order. We pay special attention to this part of our business, all orders, the smallest as well as the largest, being the subjects of our care. CASH REMITTANCE Must Accompany every order.

JAMES MURRAY.

jan20, fp Brooking's and McBride's Hill.

A :-: Shipment

OF

BARCLAY, PERKINS & Co.'s

Imperial Invalid Stout

Just Received, per S.S. "Assyrian,"

FOR SALE AT THE

Army & Navy Depot,

jan18, w, fp 119 Duckworth Street.

ENGLISH Household COAL.

NOW LANDING,

Ex brigantine "Prince LeBoo" from Liverpool,

CARGO PRIME, ROUND, BRIGHT

English Household Coal.

This coal has excellent heating properties, cakes well together, is free from slag, and warranted to be in all respects fully equal to the best NORTH SYDNEY COAL.

Sent home at 24s. per ton white discharging, at Brooking's.

jan18, fp **JAMES MURRAY.**

FOR SALE,

That commodious

Dwelling House,

Now occupied by Mrs. SALTER, Military Road (nearly opposite the Colonial Building), containing: six Bedrooms, Drawing-room, 2 Parlors—both handsomely furnished, and Breakfast Room, two Kitchens (one concrete), two Cellars, and Back Yard.

The house is built on land leased for 999 years, at a small annual rent, and is supplied with water, gas, bells throughout, closets, and every convenience calculated to make it a very desirable residence. For particulars, apply to

WALTER CLOUSTON, or to MRS. T. SALTER.

dec29, fp

Boston Kerosene Oil.

AT ELEVEN PENCE (11d.) PER GAL.

For sale in Casks at BROOKING'S all the time.

jan21, fp **JAS MURRAY.**

FOR SALE,

That Fee-Simple Farm,

SITUATE ON THE SOUTH-SIDE OF THE WATERFORD BRIDGE RIVER, adjoining property on the east owned by Thomas Shortall, and on the west by property owned by the St. Patrick's Convent, and nearly opposite the farm of Hon. John Syme.

The Dwelling-House on the premises to be removed on the signing of transfer. For particulars apply to

MORRIS & MORRIS, Solicitors for Administrator of the late Edward Ryan.

jan18, w, fp

FOR SALE.

The Clipper Schooner

HARVEST HOME,

With all her materials. Admirably suited for a Banker or Coaster; hardwood hull, new top-sides; fast sailer, and has always been well cared for. May be seen at Brooking's.

Apply to

jan21, fp **JAMES MURRAY.**

FAT CANADIAN BEEF & LAMB.

ON SALE BY

J. & W. PITTS,

70 Quarters Fat Canadian Beef,

Ex S.S. "Portia."

1 crate fat Canadian LAMBS,

jan19, 3fp Ex S.S. "Nova Scotian."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WE SELL GENUINE

Mont Bernard Tobacco,

4-cts plug. :-: 22-cts for 6 plugs. :-: 45-cts for 13 plugs.

INDIAN CORN, IN TWO-BUSHEL SACKS, \$2.00 EACH.

F. PARNELL,

131 WATER STREET.

january23, fp

The Ladies' of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society

—BEG TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY INTEND HAVING A—

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS ENTERTAINMENT

On Tuesday, 24th inst., in St. Patrick's Hall,

in aid of their funds, for the relief of the poor; and they trust that the object for which the Entertainment is to be given will secure for it the same kindly and generous support which has always been accorded by the benevolent and charitable to their efforts for a like purpose on many previous occasions. Dancing from 5 to 9 o'clock. Admission 50 cents; spectators 50 cents. Children not having fancy costumes can attend in party dresses.

In connection with above Entertainment there will be DANCING for Ladies and Gentlemen from 9 to 12 o'clock. Tickets 50 cents each.

january21, 3fp

Special to Purchasers for Cash.

THE :: NORTH :: SIDE

on the Currency Question.

WE GO FURTHER. WE TAKE AMERICAN AND CANADIAN Silver at old rates. WE TAKE AMERICAN Gold and Paper, and Canadian Paper at full value in exchange for goods.

This will enable purchasers getting money from friends in Canada or the United States to Buy to the best advantage.

BLACKWOOD & BLAIR.

january9, 2w, fp

A Few 100 Dozen

OF OUR XMAS STOCK REMAINING.

Large Sweet Oranges - - - 20 cts. doz
Lemons - - - - - 10 cts. doz
Apples - - - - - 10 cts. doz
Apples - - - - - 15 cts. doz

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

FRESH Turkeys. FRESH Ducks. FRESH Geese.

LANDING EX "PORTIA" AND FOR SALE BY

James & Wm. Pitts,

FRESH TURKEYS.

FRESH DUCKS.

FRESH GEESE.

FRESH CHICKEN.

january17, fp

NOW READY!

The Newfoundland Almanac for 1888

For Sale at the Bookstores, and at the Office of publication, Gregory's Lane.

PRICE - - - - - 25 CENTS.

TO LET,

A Suite of Offices

on the 2nd flat of TELEGRAM Building, OPPOSITE COMMERCIAL BANK.

For terms, etc., apply at this office. jan12, fp

Now Landing

Ex "Miranda" from Montreal via Halifax,

150 Brs. Fresh-Ground Oatmeal,

55 BARRELS ROUND PEAS,

50 BARRELS SPLIT PEAS.

jan16, fp **JAMES MURRAY.**

Schooner For Sale

The fast-sailing A1 schooner

"PIONEER,"

of this port, 103 tons register; 15 months old. Is well fitted out and a desirable vessel. For further information, apply to

D. A. SMITH, Agent, North Sydney, C.B.,

Or here, to: CLIFT, WOOD & Co.

dec16, 2w, fp

NORTH SYDNEY COAL

In consequence of the exceptional mildness of the season we are offering North Sydney Coal from the old mines at

24s. PER TON SENT HOME FROM

the "People's Coal Depot,"

At BROOKING'S. Remember 24s. per ton; half ton 12s., at Brooking's. MARCH down and get it.

jan9 **JAMES MURRAY.**

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PARADE SKATING RINK.

Grand Masquerade & Fancy Dress Skating Carnival.

A GRAND FANCY DRESS SKATING CARNIVAL will take place at the Parade Rink on Thursday, February 2nd, (if permitted), under the auspices of Prof. Bennett's Band. On which occasion the following gentlemen have kindly consented to act as Committee of management:—Messrs. T. Kough, T. Skinner, J. Callanan, T. Dalton, T. McGrath.

Tickets, Masqueraders 20 cts., Spectators 10c. On this occasion Book-Tickets will not be admissible. The ice will be reserved for maskers only. Tickets may be had on application to any of the above named committee, to-morrow evening. jan23, 3fp

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO OUR FIRM are requested to make payment at our office,

Accounts due 31st Dec'r last,

BEFORE THE 8th FEBRUARY NEXT,

After which date payment will be enforced.

jan23, 4fp, 30, 1, 7 **J. & W. BOYD.**

ON SALE,

At Brooking's & McBride's Hill,

HAY!

OATS! (in bags)

BRAN!

FEED!

POLLARD!

CORN!

and MEAL!

Cheap for Cash. **JAMES MURRAY.**

jan23, fp

W. O'CONNOR

—will resume his—

Evening Classes & Private Tuitions

ON MONDAY NEXT, 23rd INST.,

At 79 Gower St

Intending pupils will please apply at once.

jan23, 11

Vocal and Instrumental Concert.

THE BOYS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Choir, kindly assisted by well-known Musical friends, will give as above in the

SYNOD HALL, :-:

on Thursday, January 26th, in aid of the Cathedral Organ Fund. Principal item:

The Jackdaw of Rheims,

—BY—

"The nice little boys dressed all in white,"

Pianoforte, Miss Ellen Rowe; Organ, Miss Rowe; Conductor, Mr. G. Rowe.

Tickets to be obtained at Rowe's and Chisholm's. Reserved and numbered 50 cents; unreserved 25 cents. jan23, 11

Prohibition League Meeting

A PUBLIC TEMPERANCE MEETING will be held THIS (MONDAY) EVENING, at the OLD TEMPERANCE HALL. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. G. J. Bond, Messrs. Donald Morrison, Walter Clouston and L. March.

Chairs will be taken at 8 o'clock, p.m. Collection will be taken up to defray expenses.

jan23, 11fp **JOHN McDUGALL,** Chairman.

SWEET ORANGES

In Cases, 24s. per Case.

NEW ONIONS,

In Cases, 24s. per Case.

Winter Apples

In barrels, 20s. and 22s. 6d. per barrel.

jan23 **JAMES MURRAY.**

Travellers' Samples!

GENT'S SHIRTS, UNDER-CLOTHING,

Sox, Ladies' Waterproofs, Furs, Gloves,

Fresh Arrival Mantles, by "Assyrian."

C. MACPHERSON.

jan20, fp

LOST:

On Sunday, between the Presbyterian Church and Job's Lane—A GOLD BROOCH. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office. jan23, 11

WANTED:

Immediately—A GENERAL SERVANT. References required. Apply to MRS. DICKINSON, 185 Duckworth Street. jan23, 11

WANTED:

A PLAIN COOK and HOUSEMAID. References required. Apply at this office. jan23, fp

Great Bargains in Blankets & Calicoes,

WILLIAM FREW'S, 191 WATER STREET.

JUST RECEIVED, PER "ASSYRIAN," AN IMPORTANT PURCHASE OF CALICOES, which we are offering at 5, 6, 7 and 8 cents per yd, strong and wide; BEST VALUE EVER SHOWN. Also, another Bale of ENGLISH BLANKETS, at \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.00. The above goods are warranted to be from 15 to 20 per cent under regular prices. Full lines in every department at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES during the winter months. For useful and reliable goods, at lowest prices, our Establishment stands unrivalled.

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

January 20

WILLIAM FREW.

BUILDERS' SUPPLY STORE,

Water Street.

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

January 13

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

Drink the Health-Giving Waters!

FOR SALE AT FORAN'S, ATLANTIC HOTEL.

Mineral Waters: from the Chalybeate Springs.
A Genuine Blood Purifier. A certain and perfect cure for
Dyspepsia, Nervousness and Debility.

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.

June 1

J. ANGEL, Manager.

LUMBER. - LUMBER.

ON SALE:

120,000 SEASONED QUEBEC SPRUCE BOARD,
Ex Brig. "Alaska," from 10-ft. to 16-ft. long, at \$16.00 per M, rough,
at \$18.50 per M, planed, ploughed and tongued.

HERDER & HALLAREN,
Water Street, East.

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
T. W. SPRY, Agent for Newfoundland.

Candles, Candles

ON SALE BY
CLIFT, WOOD & CO.,
CLIFT, WOOD & CO.,
—50 BOXES—

Morrill's Celebrated Mould Candles,
6's and 8's—25 lbs. per box.
Ex "Pioneer,"
nov 7

FOR SALE BY
John S. Simms,
TWO TABLE PIANOS.

GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE, SITUATE 1½
miles from Town.

I AM INSTRUCTED TO OFFER FOR SALE BY
private contract—that desirable detached Residence,
standing on about 30-acres of Land, with elegantly-laid-
out gardens and pleasure grounds, including flower and
kitchen gardens, tennis, lawn and plantation, approached
from the Porcupine Cove and Torbay Roads by a very
pretty and well-planted avenue. The residence is en-
tered through a porch and vestibule into inner hall, out
of which are spacious drawing rooms, dining and break-
fast rooms, shut off from the hall are excellent kitchen,
scullery and servants' rooms, on the upper floor there
are spacious bedrooms, dressing rooms, nursery, bath
rooms and servants' bedrooms. The out-buildings in-
clude stabling for two horses, large coach house, har-
ness rooms, and stabling for four cows, cart shed, etc.
There is an excellent coachman's house distant about
300 yards from the main residence. For terms and par-
ticulars of title, apply to
T. W. SPRY, Real Estate Broker.
dec 27

P.E. ISLAND PRODUCE!

On Sale by Clift, Wood & Co.'y,
HEAVY BLACK OATS,
CHOICE ISL'D POTATOES,
Now landing, ex schr "J. Savard," from
Albion, P.E.I.
dec 28

ADVERTISING RATES.
Fifty Cents per Inch for first insertion, every contain-
ment, 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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any communications should be addressed to W. J.
HERDER, Proprietor and Publisher, Gregory's Lane,
St. John's, Newfoundland, or to A. A. PARSONS.

MAX O'RELL ON JONATHAN.

The Celebrated Frenchman Talks About
Americans.

HE IS MUCH IMPRESSED WITH THE SIM-
PLICITY OF THEIR INSTITUTIONS AND
DRAWS A COMPARISON BETWEEN
WASHINGTON AND GREVY.

American and French Women Alike.

MR. PAUL BLONET (Max O'Rell) has now
been in the United States some time and has
not yet written a book or a lecture on American
idiosyncrasies.

A reporter for *The Press* found him snugly
eponosed in an easy chair in Major Pond's den on
his return from his trip to Washington.

"What strikes me most forcibly here, do
you say?" said he, in answer to the reporter's
inquiry. "Well I will tell you what strikes me
most forcibly and most disagreeably. It is the
abominable heat of your homes. It is impos-
sible to dress to be comfortable and safe within
doors and without.

"There is something grand, almost sublime,
in the simplicity of your government and in the
approachability of your officials. Your Presi-
dent costs your country little. He is always
approachable. Even the market women on
reception days sets her basket down, takes her
place in line, and shakes hands with the Presi-
dent, with 'Well, I am glad to see you, and I
hope you are well, and that Mrs. Cleveland is
well, and God bless you both,' and with a
smile and a pleasant word the President will dis-
miss her. Where else on the face of the globe is
the ruler of a great nation to be approached
by the poor and lowly? I do not believe that
you Americans really appreciate the wonderful
grandeur of a man of so simple state wielding
a power almost equal to that of the Czar of all
the Russias, and then if you don't like him you
can send him about his business every four
years.

"We went to the Capitol several times. It
is a majestic building, more imposing, I think,
than any similar building in Europe.

"We went to Mount Vernon; spent a day
there and in going and coming. It is impos-
sible for me without reflection and care to
describe and put into words my thoughts as I
stood beside the grave of the man who led to
victory the insignificant, undisciplined, badly
armed and poorly provisioned armies of the
infant colonies against the greatest empire on
the face of the earth. As I stood beside the
grave of this man who more than any other
created this grand republic; as I stood beside
that grave and thought how fortunate his fate
and how endearing his fame, my heart went
out in sympathy to that other great man, as
wise and as patriotic as Washington, who is
to-day in such deep and such undeserved
trouble. I mean Mr. Grevy, who has just re-
signed the Presidency of the French Republic.
Poor Grevy! He is to be pitied. An old man
of 84 years, all of which since manhood has
been spent in the service of his country. The
most sympathetic and the grandest figure in
contemporary French politics. A man whose
honesty is beyond question even by party or
faction. The framer of the constitution of
1848. It is a sad, sad sight, after his services,
to see his last years so clouded.

"You ask about Boulanger. It is difficult
to place an estimate on the man. He is with-
out doubt the ablest War Minister as an or-
ganizer and administrator that France has had
in decades. It is impossible to speak of him
as a field officer. He has been seen in the field
only as a subordinate.

"No one can predict the political future of
France. The people are not yet educated to
the Republic, yet whatever may happen France
will remain the Republican haven of Europe,
and is sure to be the first to demonstrate the
possibility of a great European government
'by the people, of the people, and for the
people.'

"What do I think of American women?
They are more like French women in figure,
in gait, in dress and in get up than any other
women in the world. They are delightful

socially, but I do think if they kept their houses
cooler they would have more roses in their
cheeks.

"American men are the busiest I have ever
seen. They are too busy for physical, mental
or moral health. They are not with their wives
and families as much as they should be. But
they are men of brain, of action, and their
patriotism has been thoroughly proven in every
national crisis. I am particularly impressed
with the great deference and respect paid to
women. This I had read of, but hardly cred-
ited. I find it true, and it is delightful.

"About your newspapers. I see much to
commend, much with which to find fault.
There is no doubt that as news gathers Ameri-
can newspapers have no peer. But are they
not too sensational, too personal? No one
seems safe from their attacks. No sentiment,
no life is too sacred to be dragged through the
public mud. And for what? To subserve
some great public end? No! To secure a
beat. To sell a few papers. This does not
seem to be the mission of a great newspaper,
a great organ of party or of public opinion.
Your papers embrace all that is good and all
that is bad in journalism. The French press
is worthless. French papers almost without
exception are the personal organ of politicians.
They have little advertising, consequently can
spend little money in buying news. The result
is they are restricted to a little local Paris news,
a novellette, and a little—very little—cable and
telegraphic matter. The London and English
press is as heavy as the French press is flippant.
It avoids the sensationalism and personalism
of your press, and it also avoids or lacks your
great news gathering and news disseminating
faculty. I should say that a combination of
the best features of the London and New York
press would make the model newspaper.

SAVED HIS LIFE BY A PENKNIFE.

The Thrilling Experience of Charles
F. Smith.

CHARLES F. SMITH, who resides at No. 118
Maynard street, had a very narrow escape from
drowning. He started from the first lake about
three o'clock to skate to Waverly, where he
arrived in little over an hour, and took tea at
Thompson's. On the way up he passed a large
hole in the ice on the third lake. He did not
like the idea of returning by the way he had
gone up and would have gone across to catch
the down train had he not promised his wife
he would be home by six o'clock. If he skated
down he could keep the promise, but by coming
by train he would not arrive before nine o'clock.
At eight minutes past five he started on his re-
turn journey. As he stepped on the ice, for
some reason he is unable to explain, he took a
penknife from his vest pocket and opening the
big blade, put it in his outside coat pocket.
His doing this no doubt saved his life when an
hour later he found himself in the water. The
ice was in splendid condition and he was
making good time. It was by this time pitch
dark. He had not forgotten the hole in the
third lake, but had made a mistake as to which
was the safe side, and without the slightest
warning he plunged headfirst into open water.
He caught his fingers in a small hole in the ice
and endeavored to pull himself out. He had
succeeded in pulling himself half out when the
ice broke and he fell back. He had the greatest
difficulty keeping afloat, the skates cutting the
water. With a presence of mind which is re-
markable, he put his hand in his coat pocket
and there found the open knife. With this he
cut several holes in the ice to enable him to
get a finger hold, and having done so pulled
himself out without much further trouble.
While in the water he shouted loudly for help,
but none came. The only persons he met were
two women. After getting out of the water he
did not care about going ahead for fear of
getting lost in the woods, so started back.
He skated a mile and walked another mile to
the house of one Barry, which he reached
about 10 minutes past six. He was treated in
the most hospitable manner and after being
supplied with dry clothing, was driven to
Dartmouth, catching the 7 o'clock boat. He
had not seen Mr. Hamilton. After he got
out of the water he imagined he heard shouts
as if for help, but thought they proceeded from
houses further on, and being in anything but a
comfortable condition, did not pay much atten-
tion to them.—*Halifax Herald.*

News of the recent Beach-Hanlan boat race
at Sydney, New South Wales, reached this
country by overland telegraph to North
Australia, by cable to Java and Sumatra and
to Madras, India, thence to Aden, Africa, and
up the Red Sea to Suez, across the Mediter-
ranean to Trieste, across Europe to London,
and thence by Atlantic cable.—*New York Sun.*

FAT CANADIAN BEEF & LAMB,

ON SALE BY
J. & W. PITTS,

70 Quarters Fat Canadian Beef,
Ex S.S. "Portia."

1 crate fat Canadian LAMBS,
Jan 19, 31fp Ex S.S. "Nova Scotian."

CHOICE BALDWIN APPLES

On Sale by Clift, Wood & Co.,

50 brs. WINTER-KEEPING BALD-
win Apples, packed by A. S. Harris, at his
orchard in Annapolis Valley. Jan 20

FOR SALE.

2 Pair Curling Stones,
Jan 20 Apply at this office.

Molasses.

For Sale By

J. & W. PITTS,

35 Puncheons Choice
DEMARARA

MOLASSES.

Jan 17, 31fp

FOR SALE.

By Dryer & Greene,

A few barrels

BALTIMORE OYSTERS,

Jan 19 per s.s. "Nova Scotian."

Crystalized }
Granulated } SUGAR

10 brs Crystalized SUGAR,
10 brs Grated SUGAR.

Jan 18 CLIFT, WOOD & Co.

FOR SALE,

By Dryer & Greene

20 QTRS. VENISON,

Jan 18 per s.s. "Curlew."

Freight from Boston.

Brigantine 'PLYMOUTH,'

Now due at Boston, will load there for St.
John's, about latter part of this month.
For freight, apply to
STRATTON, LITTLE & Co.,
91 State Street, Boston.

Jan 7 or, here to CLIFT, WOOD & Co.

ON SALE BY

Jas. & Wm. Pitts,

—85 Pairs—

PRIME FRESH GEESE,

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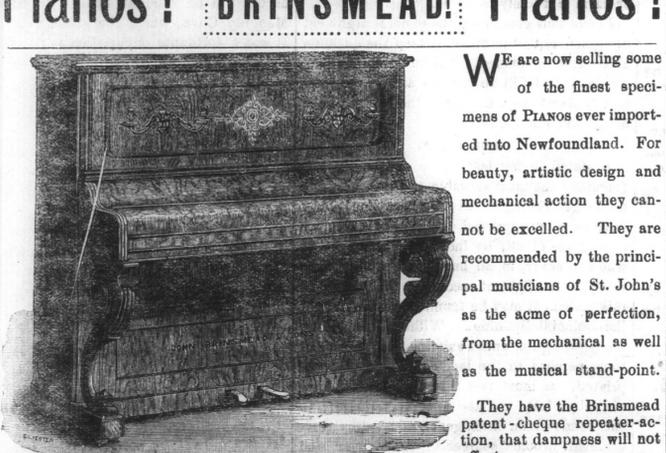
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OR—ADELAIDE CAMERON'S "SHADOW LOVE."

By the Author of Dora Thorne.

CHAPTER XXII.

(Continued.)

'Miss Cameron is a niece of the late lord's,' said the housekeeper, slowly.

'And his heiress, too,' added Lady Rylestone, quickly. She spoke without thinking, and then would have given the world to have the words unsaid.

'His heiress?' repeated Mrs. Grame, with bland superiority. 'Oh, no—nothing of the kind! My lord is the heir—the heir-at-law, you know.'

'I fancied that I heard something about a niece being heiress,' said Lady Rylestone.

'I have never heard anything of the kind,' returned the housekeeper, decidedly. 'Of course Miss Cameron has had a fortune left her; but I have never heard that she was the late lord's heiress.'

'Such strange things happen,' said Lady Rylestone. 'You were here when the late lord died?'

'Oh, yes, I was here!' replied Mrs. Grame. Margarita's impatience was becoming greater than she could control; she longed to clasp her hands and cry out, 'Tell me—for pity's sake, tell me all you know—tell me the secret of the will!'

She could hardly control herself; she clasped her hands together, and her slender figure swayed to and fro.

'Was there,' she asked, trying to speak calmly, 'anything strange then about the late lord's will?'

There fell over them a dead silence. In reality it lasted only half a minute, yet it seemed to have lasted an hour—a rush of sound filled Lady Rylestone's ears, her heart beat, her hands trembled. The housekeeper's voice sounded as though it came from afar off.

'Strange about the will?' she repeated. 'Not that I ever heard of. I do not think so.' She looked eagerly into Lady Rylestone's face.

'I do not think there could have been,' she said, 'or we must have heard of it.'

Then the secret had indeed been well kept, even the confidential servants who lived in the house knew nothing of it. Through one of the crimson stained windows came a great sunbeam, and it left a dazzling light on the richly-carpeted floor. Margarita was looking at it, and it seemed to dazzle her eyes; yet even in the midst of that burning light she fancied that she traced the words, 'The secret of the will.'

Was she, even in the heart of his home, as far from knowing it as ever? She grew anxious, for she could see Mrs. Grame's eyes fixed anxiously on her face. She tried to speak lightly.

'One hears of so many peculiar wills,' she said; 'I heard of one, but it may not have been Lord Rylestone's.'

'It was not, most certainly; I have never heard a word about the will. All the old servants received very handsome legacies and annuities, but there was nothing in the late lord's will different from the general run of wills.'

Lady Rylestone bowed; she could not speak, for she was sick and faint with her baffled hope.

'I must have heard of some else's,' she murmured, rising from her seat; and then she looked round the picture-gallery, and made some careless remark about the pleasure she had experienced and the time.

Then they went through suite after suite of magnificent rooms. In each were pictures and statues of marvelous beauty, and flowers of richest fragrance. They went through broad corridors, where the floor was covered with rich crimson cloth, and white statues gleamed amongst rare hangings. The whole place was a marvel of luxury and magnificence. Then they came to the western drawing-room, so called because it looked on to the broad terrace, where the flowers caught the last rays of the setting sun; and there Lady Rylestone saw the portrait of her husband.

She stood silent, gazing at it; her whole heart had gone out to it. It was almost like seeing him again—the noble head with its clustering hair, the handsome face, the kindly eyes, and the lips that wore sometimes a smile as sweet as that of a child. With hot blinding tears she could have stretched out her hands to it; she could have called to it with passionate cries. But she dared not make a sign; she was looking into the pictured face of her

husband, of the man she loved best on earth, and her own must not change. 'My love,' she murmured to herself, 'if you could but speak to me!' And then she heard the housekeeper's business-like tones behind her.

'That is the present Lord Rylestone,' she said. 'It is considered a very fine picture.'

There came no reply from her listener, and good Mrs. Grame fancied she was absorbed in admiration.

'My lord is not married,' she continued, 'although he is so handsome, and so eagerly sought after. Some people say he will be like Lord Bernard and never marry.'

'Why do they say that?' Margarita asked, rousing herself.

'I do not know—I should think it is because his name has never been mentioned in connection with that of any lady.'

Margarita's face flushed; it was praise enough to hear such words, even from a dependent's lips; it proved that he was noble, faithful, and true.

'I hope, though,' continued Mrs. Grame, 'that my lord will marry. I should not like to see the place fall into strange hands. He is very much loved amongst us. There could be no happier day for us than the one on which my lord should bring his wife home.'

Margarita was filled with a warm, sudden impulse to tell this faithful servant that she was the wife so much desired; it would have been so sweet, standing in her husband's home, to have one word of welcome. But it was not to be; she shuddered at the idea, and then turned away.

Mrs. Grame thought she had looked long enough at one picture, and was tired of it. There was plenty more to show and admire—pretty morning-rooms, gay with flowered chintz and white lace; elegant boudoirs with hangings of pale silk; the magnificent library with its hundreds of costly volumes, and its old oaken furniture.

'I should think,' said Lady Rylestone to the housekeeper, 'you would have some difficulty in remembering all these rooms?'

'It is not often that they are all in use,' was the reply. 'Miss Cameron will have things different. There will be no lack of visitors where she is, I am sure.'

Again came the gleam of light on to the stranger's face which Mrs. Grame could not understand—the mention of Miss Cameron's name had brought it there. A hundred questions trembled on Lady Rylestone's lips—she dared not ask one of them. Time was flying, and, as yet, she had not found the least clew to the secret that seemed wearing her life away. What could she do?

She could not endure the thought of leaving without knowing more than when she came. She must learn something of the secret, let it cost her what it might, even should she be compelled to cross-question the servants—a proceeding from which her whole soul recoiled. At present she had learned only this—that, whatever might be its source, it was unknown to the people in the house, even as it was unknown to herself.

'How my visitor is given to dreaming!' thought the housekeeper. 'She has looked during the last ten minutes like one in a trance.' And then the tall graceful figure was turned to her.

'I have but a small house compared with this,' she said, 'yet I love it dearly. Why should people leave their homes? Your story interests me. If this beautiful place belongs to Lord Rylestone, why does he go abroad instead of living here? And why does this lady, Miss Cameron, come here, as though it were her own home?'

'I cannot tell,' and Margarita saw a slight shade of eagerness on the housekeeper's face.

'We have all felt some little surprise about that; but I suppose that, as my lord is going abroad, he prefers letting Walton to closing it; and, if it is to be let, there is no one who will care better for it than Miss Cameron.'

'Is she much loved here?' asked Margarita.

'Yes—almost as much as my lord himself—indeed I should not be surprised if—'

Some lingering amount of discretion came to the good housekeeper. She remembered that she was speaking to a stranger. She paused abruptly.

Lady Rylestone did not ask her to continue—she was thinking of what she could say or what she could do to find out the secret of the will. It seemed more hopeless than ever now. She was not one whit nearer to it, although she had been talking so long. Mrs. Grame asked her to go through the library—strangers always admired the books—and she stood there in the very place where the will was read, and yet could not find the least clew to its contents.

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Notice of Copartnership.

THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a Copartnership, under the firm, name and style of JOHN MAGOR & SON, succeeding to the business heretofore carried on in New York city in the name of Magor Brothers & Co. Dated at New York, October 1, 1887. JOHN MAGOR, WILLIAM ALBERT MAGOR. oct14

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 23, 1888.

WHEN THE LEGISLATURE MEETS.

An Interesting Session Expected.

"POLICY" OF THE LIBERAL SECTION.

In a few weeks our local Legislature will meet for the despatch of business, and it is said by some of the initiated that the session promises to be an unusually interesting one. Exactly on what ground this supposition is based we are not in a position to determine. During the year that has intervened since the close of last session, the Thorburn Party, contrary to the then prevailing opinion, have managed to keep together, and there now seems no very strong reason to suppose that they will not continue to do so until the end of their present term.

By dissolution they have everything to lose: by cohesion they have everything to gain. Is it likely, then, that the leaders are going to quarrel and relinquish all the advantages which they possess, merely because they do not "love each other" in the Scriptural sense of the term? No, indeed, it is not likely they will do anything of the kind.

It is true, we believe, that Mr. Abraham Kean, Mr. M. T. Knight, and one or two other subordinate members of the party, have for some time past known what it is to feel the upbraiding of conscience—in addition to the upbraiding of their constituents. But what of that? None of these can afford to act independently. At least they say so themselves, and the probability is that they will continue to "kick against the goad of conscience" until they themselves are "kicked against" in turn.

Never, perhaps, in all our experience of Responsible Government, have we had a more needy and mercenary Assembly than the present. With one or two individual exceptions, we cannot point to a member of the Lower House who is not prepared to make his conscience and his vote "marketable articles." A little patronage or the promise of a Government situation would seem to be sufficient to "buy up" the best of them. For the most part they are deplorably ignorant of their duties as representatives of the people; and as for principle,—well, that is an unknown quality among the Newfoundland M. H. A. to-day, except in the sense in which Mr. James Russell Lowell speaks of it when he says:—

"I don't believe in principle,
But, oh! I do in interest."

For these reasons, then, and for others which are sufficiently obvious without mentioning them here, the leaders of the Thorburn Administration are not alarmed by the strong public sentiment which prevails against them all through the country. They know their power and influence over outport members, and believe that, with the public treasury at their backs, they can "snap their fingers" at all opposition until the next general election, at any rate. Then, of course, they will be compelled to "get down and out," but by that date they will have well-feathered their own nests and made those of their near and dear friends comfortable also.

Some time ago it was rumored that certain members of the Liberal wing were inclined to kick over the traces and join the Opposition. That rumor was not without foundation. In fact such was their intention, as expressed in our presence and in the presence of many others. But these recalcitrant ones have again been "bought up" and reduced to a condition of acquiescence in, and submission to, the Party's corrupt policy.

Just before Premier Thorburn left for the Mother Country, last week, a meeting of "Reform" and Liberal leaders was held under very flattering auspices—to the said leaders—during which the interests of the Amalgamation were freely discussed. As usual in such cases, each section complimented the other on its prudence and "executive ability," and, before separating, the Premier received repeated assurances that, during his absence from the colony, the Government of which he was the nominal head would be warmly and unanimously supported by his Liberal allies. Evidently it pays the latter to keep Messrs. Thorburn, Winter, Goodridge and McNeilly in office; aye, pays them better than if they (the said Liberals) were there themselves.

But notwithstanding the strength of the Government, it is pretty certain that the coming session will be an interesting one, as the small Opposition, reinforced by Mr. R. J. Parsons, will no doubt do their best to make things lively. The conduct of the Executive during the past year affords ample data on which to base a strong indictment against the Executive, and we may be sure the talented and popular leader of the Opposition in the Assembly—Mr. Bond—will not forget to confront them with their mal-fesances.

A LIST OF BEREAVEMENTS

THE announcement in our obituary columns on Thursday evening of the death by drowning, in Lake Superior, of Thomas Connors, son of the well-known River Head sealing master—the late Captain Thomas Connors—is a sad addition to a list of family bereavements within an unexampled short period. Since 1881 four sons, two of whom had been successful in founding a lucrative marble-cutting business, fell victims to the dread destroyer, consumption having in three instances terminated their lives. Both parents and a daughter had died shortly previous, thus making the fearful harvest of death in six years of seven persons in one family. Captain John Connors, a successful banking commander from this port several years, was one of the deceased. The young man who was cut off so untimely in the Lake gale last fall, had promise of a banking command from this port the coming season; having for two or three years been successful in the same capacity. The sudden summons which removed him from a sphere of usefulness has awakened general regret in the western part of the city, where he was long and favorably known.

FROZEN FISH.

FROZEN fish are now imported into France, and a society formed in Marseilles for the purpose of developing the trade has a steamer and a sailing vessel engaged in it. The steamer *Rokelle* lately came into Marseilles with some 30,000 kilogrammes of frozen fish in its hold, the temperature of which is kept at 17 deg. C. below zero by means of a Pictet machine (evaporating sulphurous acid). The fish are caught with the net in various parts of the Mediterranean and Atlantic. After arrival they are despatched by night in a cold chamber. Experiment has shown that fish can be kept seven or eight months at low temperature without the least alteration. These fish are wrapped in straw or marine algae, and have been sent on to Paris, and even to Switzerland.

SPEED OF ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE returns for the present fiscal year, which have just been issued by Mr. Nicholas M. Bell, the Superintendent of Foreign Mails in the Post Office Department at Washington, give some information regarding the speed of Atlantic steamers which will be read with interest by those who took an interest in the recent discussions on the mail contracts. The Americans have a special reason for observing and recording the time taken by the various steamers to cross the Atlantic, for they send their letters by the fastest vessels only, altogether irrespective of their nationality, or of the particular line to which they belong; and it is therefore necessary that the data on which they base their information should be thoroughly complete and accurate. From an engineering point of view, moreover, as well as from a postal, the statistics are worth a little study. These give the time occupied in the conveyance of mails during the twelve months from New York to London, and perhaps the most striking feature about the list is the distance of time separating the boats at its extreme ends. The Cunard liner "Umbria" heads the list with an average time of 187.5 hours, while the "Wisconsin," belonging to the Guion Company, which stands at the foot, requires 258.1 hours to perform the same passage, being a difference of very nearly three days. The second on the list is the "Umbria's" sister ship, the "Etruria," with 188 hours. Next in order comes the North German Lloyd steamer "Trave," with an average of 199.3 hours, and the Anchor liner "City of Rome," with 203.4 hours; while the "Alaska," of the Guion Line, and the "Aller" of the North German Lloyd's, compete very closely for the fifth place with times of 205.3 and 205.7 respectively. Then we have a considerable number of North German liners with approximately equal times, the average of which is very nearly the time taken by the Cunard liner "Anrania." Then follows the "Servia," of the Cunard Line, with 211.2 hours, and then the White Star liners put in an appearance—the "Britannic," with the time of 219.8 hours; the "Germanic," 228 hours; the "Adriatic," 230 hours; the "Republic," 235 hours; and the "Celtic," 236 hours. The best of the Hamburg-American Line takes 240.7 hours, while almost at the bottom stand the Inman liners, the quickest of which, the "City of Chicago," takes 241.6 hours; and the slowest, the "City of Chester," requires 256.8 hours. It is probable, however, that the new boats now being built for this latter Company and for the White Star Line will completely change their positions in the list.

A HOLYROOD correspondent, writing under date of Friday, says:—"Large numbers of men are abandoning railroad work and returning home. The weather is very cold, especially at night time, and they think it better to die home than in there on the line."

LETTER FROM "A SHAREHOLDER."

He Wants to Know What Has Become of His Money.

Editor Evening Telegram.

SIR,—About two years ago a movement was made to start a Roman Catholic newspaper in St. John's. A sort of Constitution was drafted, resolutions were proposed and adopted, and everything was prepared to enable the paper to enter the political arena on a sound basis. The paper was to be devoted to the protection of R. C. interests in this country; at the same time, its policy was not to be aggressive. According to the resolutions, meetings of the shareholders were to be held at stated periods for the purpose of informing the shareholders as to the real standing of the paper, financially and otherwise. A board of directors was appointed to manage and conduct the working of the concern, and large dividends were promised to the shareholders. It was decided that the paper should be called the *Colonist*. Every satisfaction was guaranteed to them, and a great number of the people of St. John's and the outports took shares on those conditions. Sir, I wish it to be distinctly understood that I did not take my shares with the hope of making anything handsome out of the venture; but when it was stipulated by resolution that the shareholders should be kept posted up as to the financial condition of the paper, I naturally felt interested as to what had become of my money. Two years have now passed away, and there has not been one meeting called by the directors. Some of them have dropped out, and I presume the few who remain have now control of the paper. Mr. Editor, this is a purely public matter, and in the interest of numbers of shareholders I respectfully request you to insert this letter in your independent paper. I may here add that several gentlemen who promised to take shares in the paper did not do so, giving, as a reason, that they were not satisfied with the manner in which affairs were worked.

I am, sir, yours truly,

A SHAREHOLDER.

P.S.—You will perceive that the above is strictly true, as it is well known that I paid my money down. Some of my acquaintances invested as high as 40 dollars in the concern, and they now wish to know what has become of their money, and why they do not inform them in some shape or form. Your duty towards the many shareholders, as an independent journal, will bear you out in publishing the above.

A. S.
St. John's, Jan. 19, 1888.

POST OFFICE AFFAIRS.

Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR,—Seven o'clock is not a very early hour to get up these fine bright mornings, and one would think that at that unearthly hour in our fine, new luxuriously-heated Post Office at least one Postal clerk might be in attendance on the mornings when the Coastal mails close (at eight o'clock) to sell postage stamps, &c. Having occasion to go to the Post Office on Friday morning last when the mails were being despatched (see ad.) per *Curlew* for the Westward, there was no one in attendance up to ten minutes to 8 o'clock.

Would it be too much to ask the P. M. G. to attend himself at 7 o'clock to see that his clerks are at their post. Yours, &c.,
St. John's, Jan. 21, 1888. J. SMITH.

MR. PARNELL'S HEALTH.

In a recent Paris letter M. Adolf Houssaye says:—"Mr. Parnell, I am afraid, is seriously ill. A few days ago, entering the house of a famous physician, I met a gentleman coming out, whom I recognized as the great Irish leader. He seemed to avoid recognition as far as possible, and hastened away to a close carriage. When I saw the physician I mentioned the circumstance. "Oh," said he, "that was Mr. Preston, an old patient of mine. He is an Englishman, and comes all the way from London to get my advice and treatment. Of course I cannot tell you anything about his ailment." I do not know whether the doctor was prevaricating or not. But I am sure it was Mr. Parnell I met, and I am sure, too, of what is well known in London, that Mr. Parnell has a house in one of the suburbs of that city where he spends much of his time, and where he is known as Mr. Preston. The physician at whose house this incident occurred is one of the ablest specialists in Paris, his particular hobby being diseases of the blood and skin and cancerous affections. There have been rumors from time to time that Mr. Parnell is suffering from cancer."

POSTPONEMENT.—We have been requested to state that the tea and entertainment under the auspices of St. Thomas' Branch C. E. T. S. and Woman's Association (which was proposed to be held the beginning of February at St. Patrick's Hall), have been unavoidably postponed until Easter week. An enjoyable time may then be looked for, as several ladies and gentlemen of well-known musical ability have charge of the programme.

The Present State of Newfoundland

CONFEDERATION.

SIR,—The object of my letters has been to shew the necessity of a change in the condition of this country, and in asserting this necessity I am at variance with no one who has fairly considered or discussed our position. At another season the question might well be asked, What change can be devised that would benefit us? Have we not tried everything, from Imperial legislation to Responsible Government? Upon this latter have we not rung all possible changes, proved all possible combinations of parties, without other result than persistent decline in the scale of prosperity? Has not each successive grade of our descent been clearly defined by the introduction of some new, or the modification of some old Government? And has not all that we have done but proved our inability to do anything useful? All this is the sad but inexorable truth; and if in the present crisis we had to confine our prospects of a favourable change to our own energies and resources, the lessons of the past, casting their shadows upon the future, might well induce us to despair. But a change has been proposed beyond our anticipations, above our counsels, new to our ideas and experiences—a change that opens up for us a future great in its proportions and brilliant in its aspect, beyond all we could have conceived—that future may share the uncertainty of all that is to come, but it is free from gloomy delusions of the past. The future thus proposed to us is Union with the British North American Provinces.

The question of Confederation, as applied to us, resists, of its own strength and weight, all attempts at absolute rejection; it forces us to the point of determining how to accept it with the best grace and most profit. The intelligence of the community has long since grasped this conclusion, and with the exception of a few who deal in ominous warnings while the people hunger for solid argument, a few who wish the people to foresee their fate after the fashion of the simple shepherd Melibeus, in the croaking of some raven from a hollow oak,—

"Sape hæc sinistra prædixit cava ab ilice cornix."

All others are prepared to accept Confederation on rational terms. So the state of the question as at present proposed to the country is simply this: as we must have a change, and as Confederation is proposed to us, what good or harm is it likely to do us.

I have thus condensed the general argument of former letters in order to keep the question clear and connectedly before your readers' minds; now I will attempt to answer the question of the country, taking up the thread of the discussion where I left off.

OUR LANDS.

I stated in my last letter that our lands (meaning the most valuable portion of them) no longer belong to us as a people. They have been appropriated at a nominal price, or at no price at all, by individuals amongst us who can never, in all human probability, turn them to the slightest account. The proof of this statement may be found in the archives of the Colonial Building. Without questioning the legal rights, under existing enactments, of those persons to the lands they have appropriated, we must feel that those lands, now virtually lost to the people, would, in the hands of an intelligent and wealthy Government, become sources of employment and prosperity to us. If the day should ever come (and it is fast coming) when this country shall be pronounced by the world a region endowed by Providence with riches of his own making—if, while the seas refuse their tribute, and poverty reigns supreme, we might still look forward with hope to a time when our mother earth shall open up her bosom to supply our cravings, we could then have pride in the future and comfort in the present, even if left to ourselves. But while the people are beggared, the Government shackled, the land doomed to desolation, no such hope can beam upon us—the country's breast is closed to us, and the children of her womb are famishing.

The Government of Canada must be a strangely obtuse one if it does not see the necessity of putting an end to the monopoly of mineral lands in all parts of the Dominion, and of refusing those indiscriminate grants that alone would turn a rich country into a desert. As to increase of agricultural enterprise here, that is a thing that time, necessity, and example will bring about, and Confederation will, in every sense, help on the good cause.

(Concluded to-morrow.)

THE EGG OF THE GREAT AUK.

An egg of the Great Auk was sold last week at an auction in Covent Garden for 160 guineas. About seven years ago a Scotch naturalist picked up two of these eggs for 10s. at an Edinburgh sale, and within a few weeks he resold them for 202 guineas.—*Truth*.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

THERE have been no foreign arrivals at this port since Friday last.

The barque "Constance," belonging to Messrs. Baine Johnston & Co., has put into Barbadoes dismasted.

The coastal boat *Curlew* arrived at Saint Mary's last evening, and left in the course of the night for Placentia.

The first overland mail of the season for the Northward will be despatched to-morrow; the bags will be closed at the office here at 8 a.m.

TRAVELLING on the Placentia mail road is impossible on account of the snow-drifts. The mail due here last Friday has not yet arrived.

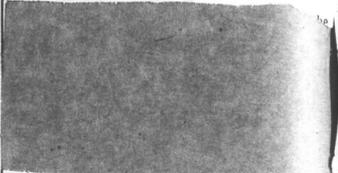
A VESSEL belonging to this trade was reported in commercial circles this morning as having entered a port in the island of Malta, damaged.

A MEETING of the St. John's Mutual Improvement Association will be held in the basement of the Congregational Church to-morrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock.

BUSINESS was very quiet on 'Change on Saturday; the attendance was very small, most of the members having gone off on a sleigh driving junketing excursion to Topsail.

The banker *Nimbus*, of Placentia, which went to sea on Saturday last but was driven back to port again by the force of a heavy N. W. wind, started again for her destination yesterday.

The barquentine *Adamantine*, from New York, which vessel is scarcely a week out, passed Cape Race at 2.15 this afternoon, inward bound. The *May Cory* has also left the same port, bound hither.



CAPTAIN LEMARQUAND, of the *Donna Maria*, having become alarmed yesterday for the safety of one of his seamen named Thomas Holds, lodged information of his being missed at the Police Office with Sergeant Cleary. The latter instituted a search and discovered that the sailor had left the vessel in a boat, but having lost his oars he drifted helplessly down the harbor 'till he brought up on the shore off Maggoty Cove, where the officer found him. It was a fortunate circumstance for him that the wind was not blowing out the Narrows.

It appears that the person to whom reference was made on Saturday in our news columns as having been conveyed to the Poor House on a slide was offered the use of a horse and sleigh for the purpose, but refused it. Mr. Dunphy called at this office this forenoon and shewed us an order tendering such a vehicle. The applicant for admission had some prejudice against going to the Asylum, and insisted upon being taken there in the way described, much to Mr. Morris' annoyance when he saw the parties entering the gate-way. It is satisfactory to find from all this that, after all, this is a country where the sermon on the Mount finds admission to the heart.

FROM CAPE RACE.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)
CAPE RACE, This Evening.
Wind northwest, blowing a brisk breeze with thick snow squalls. No vessels have been sighted to-day.

BIRTH.

On the 19th instant, the wife of Captain E. Dingle, of a daughter.
At No. 11 Maxse street, on the 21st inst., the wife of H. D. Carter, of a son.

DIED.

On Saturday evening, 21st inst., at No. 149 LeMarchant road, Mary Rose, beloved daughter of Capt. Jno. Green, aged 24 years. Funeral on Tuesday, at 3 o'clock; friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend without further notice.—"Gone to be with Jesus."
On Sunday morning, at 6.30 o'clock, after a short illness, Ann, relict of the late William RUBY, a native of Abbots Kerfull, Devon, England. Funeral will leave her late residence, Heavy Tree Road, on Tuesday next at 2 p.m. for Petty Harbor.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.
21—Elizabeth McLea, Bate, Figueira, 26 days, C.F. Bennett & Co.—142 tons salt.
CLEARED.
21—Lavinia, Mitchell, Pernambuco, J & W Stewart—4537 qtls fish. Sea Lark, Green, Barcelona, Baine, Johnston & Co.—4900 qtls fish. Pride of the Channel, Piper, Pernambuco, F & L Tessier—3532 qtls fish.
23—Minnie, Row, Lisbon, E Duder—2500 qtls fish.
LOADING.
Jan 18—Carpasian, Brazil, W Grieve & Co.
18—Hebe, Brazil, Baine, Johnston & Co.
19—Lillian, Europe, Job, Bros & Co.
20—Fanny, Brazil, Job, Bros & Co.
Helen Isabel, Brazil, Baine, Johnston & Co.
21—Prince LeBoo, Liverpool, J Murray.

FOR SALE,

One Cottage Piano.

Jan 25 JOHN S. SIMMS.