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## By Telegraph

### CLOSE OF FISHERIES COMMISSION.

### Particulars Not Yet Available.

### ASSENT OF THE SENATE DOUBTFUL.

### Increasing Revenue of the Dominion.

### DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS IN REPLY

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 16.

Last night the Fisheries Commissioners completed their labors by signing the treaty. All the commissioners gave their full concurrence. It relates exclusively to the fisheries, but the particulars are still secret.

The sanction of the Queen and the parliament of Canada and Newfoundland is expected, but the assent of the American Senate is doubtful. The treaty is regarded as a permanent settlement of difficulties.

The revenue of Canada shows a large increase over last year. The Province of Ontario gives a surplus of nearly half a million. The debate on the address in the British Parliament continues.

## FROM PLACENTIA.

### Loss of Two of the "Delight's" Crew.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

PLACENTIA, This Afternoon.

The schooner *Delight* arrived here on Tuesday to Mr. Sinnott. She reports, while off Cape Broyle, losing two men named Justin Hurley, of Carbonar, and McGrath, of St. John's. They were on the mainboom, when the helmman jibed the mastsail and threw them off. It was impossible to save them, as it was blowing a gale at the time.

## FROM CAPE RACE.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CAPE RACE, This Evening.

A light breeze has been blowing from the westward all day, with fog and rain at intervals. The ice has now moved off.

## The Evening Telegram

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 16, 1888.

## OUR COASTAL STEAM SERVICE.

YESTERDAY we called attention to the ocean mail service and are glad to know we voiced the opinions of the general public. To-day we desire to express our surprise at the Executive making no stipulation in the new coastal contract as to when freight and passengers must embark on board the new steamers.

We believe a wharf is being erected by Messrs. Harvey & Co., at the bottom of the harbor. Now, in the interests of the out-harbor people and those in this city who require to ship goods or travel by coastal steamers, we have to emphatically protest against passengers and freight being compelled to go the length of Hoylestown before they can embark.

The out-harbor members are surely not going to allow so much inconvenience to be suffered by their constituents and those doing business with them here. Had the boats had their terminus at the present water-side premises of Messrs. Harvey & Co. no reasonable objection could be made; but the idea of these gentlemen supposing the public will stand such ridiculous conduct savors too much of the autocrat for us.

The House is now in session, and members have an opportunity of questioning the Government and at once demanding more convenient arrangements. We cannot realize how a firm of the high standing of Messrs. Harvey & Co. would so inconsiderately put the large numbers of persons who patronize the coastal boats to the trouble and expense of going to the very extreme end of the town before they can ship. Surely their late intercourse with the shuffling Government members has not corrupted them! Mr. Outerbridge got a pretty sharp lesson on Saturday night as to how his volunteer friends (?) could be relied upon, when several did not attend at all, and others who were in the room sneaked away when they saw how the wind began to blow.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction—beef, oranges, etc.....James Hynes  
Canadian peace.....Clift, Wood & Co  
Readings and music.....Athenæum Hall  
Smoked caplin.....Clift, Wood & Co  
Choice family flours.....Bothwell & Rowing  
B. I. S. meeting.....F. St. John  
Annapolis valley apples.....Clift, Wood & Co  
Cranberries and soap.....see advertisement  
Choice oleographs.....see advertisement  
Clearing sale notice.....John B. Curran & Co  
Patent notice.....see advertisement  
Onions, apples, &c.....Dryer & Greene  
Superior Is. 6d. tea.....at F. Parnell's

**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 60-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 MURPHY'S HILL or BROOKING'S.  
jan24,fp,eod JAMES MURRAY.

## AUCTION SALES.

To-morrow, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock,

By JAMES HYNES,

[At his Rooms, opposite Messrs. Job, Brothers & Co.]

25 qtrs. Prime Fresh Halifax Beef,  
5 BXS ORANGES, 10 BRLS APPLES, 50 TUBS  
butter, 5 barrels pigs' heads, 5 bris jowles, 50  
hams, 10 cheese, 25 bxs soap, 12 doz pickles, 2 bris fresh  
codfish, 1 boat sail, 1 anchor, 2 pieces chain. feb16

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 Kitchen, ample cupboards, &c.,

the arrangement being very convenient and labor-saving

for servants.

The second story contains Six Bedrooms, with fitted

Bathroom, and other necessary conveniences. The

principal Bedrooms have large and expensive ward-

robes, 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 domestic quarters below stairs.

The whole property is brand-new, having been occu-

pled only for a few months. And the opportunity is

now offered of purchasing a splendid residential prop-

erty, 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

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 Duck-

worth 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: 248 Duckworth St. And Real Estate Broker,

opp. Fishermen & Sailors' Home.

or, JAMES R. COLLINS, Executor,

189 Duckworth Street. feb14,fp

**NOTICE:**

THE CLEARING SALE

AT THE SHOP OF

MR. T. J. MURPHY,

(232 Water Street.)

Will be discontinued till MONDAY

next, so as to arrange stock. Particulars

of Monday's Sale will appear to-

morrow. feb16 JOHN B. CURRAN & Co., Auctioneers.

**SOCIABLE**

And Sale of Work.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF TRINITY

Church contemplate holding a Sociable in the Old

Temperance Hall on Friday evening next.

Tickets 20 cents each, to be obtained at the door and

at 155 1/2 Gower Street. At the close of the sociable there

will be a SALE OF WORK in aid of the funds of the

Church. feb14,fp

**TO BE LET.**

(With immediate possession.)

That comfortable & convenient

BRICK DWELLING HOUSE,

No 2 TASKER TERRACE, recently tenanted by the

French Consul, Monsieur G. Des Isles.

Also, with possession on 1st May next,

THE COMPACT DWELLING HOUSE,

in brick building, corner Duckworth Street and Beek's

Cove, over the shop of Messrs. Fullerton & Mott, re-

cently occupied by D. Patrick, Esq. For terms, etc.,

apply to

feb10,fp JAMES MURRAY.

**SMALL BUNDLES.**

For Sale by Jas. & Wm. Pitts,

**HAY**

in small bundles.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



## CRANBERRIES!

Only 50-Cents per gallon.

Have you seen our 3-cent Cake of SOAP? It is really the best value as yet. 100 Cakes in a Box, only \$2.40.

WATER STREET, NEAR JOB'S.

GEORGE E. BEARNS.

## 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,

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.

## Metropolitan Club

[LIMITED.]

THE postponed Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan Club will be held in the Club Rooms, Duckworth Street, THURSDAY NIGHT, 16th inst., at 8 o'clock.

(By order,)

E. J. O'FLAHERTY, Secretary.

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Just Received,

per "Curlew," and for sale,

## FRESH - FISH

—AND—

Venison.

JOHN STEER.

feb15,2fp

New Meadow Grass Hay!

Now Landing, ex "Viola" from Halifax,

1111 SMALLISH BUNDLES

New, Sweet, Meadow Grass Hay,

Last season's growth, free from weeds, and just the

thing for Horses and other cattle of superior breed.

Only 6s. 6d. per hundred weight, or 26 10s. per ton,

at BROOKING'S. feb9,fp

JAMES MURRAY.

FOR SALE,

By HEARN & Co.'s, Royal Silver Wedding.

100 Brls. White Sugar,

50 Brls. Cut Loaf Sugar,

JUST RECEIVED PER "PORTIA"

feb9,6fp,eod

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.

CANADA :- BEEF.

Ex S.S. "Newfoundland," and for sale by

JAS. & WM. PITTS,

30 qrs. Fat Canadian Heifer Beef.

feb6,8fp

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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## AYRSHIRE ROSE.

Just received ex "Ariel," via New York,

625 brls Family FLOUR, Ayrshire Rose,

250 BRLS FAMILY FLOUR, Zeta.

ROTHWELL & BOWRING

feb16,3fp,eod

## ATHENÆUM - READINGS.

Music :- Vocal :- and :- Instrumental,

—will be given in the—

Athenæum Hall, on Monday, Feb. 20.

Doors open at a quarter past 7. Chair to be taken at

eight o'clock. Numbered reserved seats twenty

cents, to be had at the Library. General admission ten

cents. (By order.)

feb16,11 J. J. FLANNERY, Sec'y.

SMOKED CAPLIN

ON SALE BY CLIFT, WOOD & Co.,

Choice Smoked Caplin,

In boxes of 5, 10, 15 and 20-lbs. each. A Cheap and

delicious article of food. feb16

Benevolent Irish Society

THE EIGHTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY MEET-

ing of the Benevolent Irish Society will take place

in St. Patrick's Hall, TO-MORROW, (FRIDAY),

EVENING, at 7 o'clock, sharp. (By order.)

feb16,2fp F. ST. JOHN, Secretary of Schools.

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY APPLES.

FOR SALE BY

CLIFT, WOOD & CO.,

50 barrels selected

Choice Winter APPLES.

These apples are of very superior quality, barrels

being marked A. S. Harris. feb16

TWO LARGE OLEOGRAPHS

Full of Thrilling Detail,

ENTITLED:

"RAMSGATE LIFEBOAT," The Bradford,

—TO THE—

Rescue of the Crew of the "Indian Chief"

AND THE RETURN OF THE LIFEBOAT.

On exhibition at the PHOTO COPYING HOUSE

one door west of Furniture Show Rooms, Duck-

worth Street. feb16,2fp

NOTICE!

AFTER FOUR WEEKS, APPLICATION

will be made to His Excellency the Govern-

or-in-Council for LETTERS PATENT, for a

NEW AND IMPROVED ANCHOR, and meth-

od of lifting and handling same, to be grant-

ed to WILLIAM H. RHODES, of Saint John's.

St. John's, January 16th, 1888.

D. MORISON,

Solicitor for applicant.

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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, Figge's &

75 Barrels Small JOWLS, Figge's & King's.

75 Barrels New HEADS, Figge's & King's.

50 Barrels Halstead's Packet BEEF;

—AND—

10 BOXES CHOICE HAMS.

feb9,6fp,eod

FOR SALE,

By Dryer & Greene

30 cases SWEET ORANGES,

30 cases SILVERPEEL ONIONS,

49 barrels APPLES,

300 bundles Timothy Hay,

80 quarters prime Fresh Beef.

feb16

CANADIAN :- ROUND :- PEASE.

WE OFFER 100 BARRELS

Choice - Canadian - Round - Pease,

feb16 CLIFT, WOOD & Co.

WANTED:

about 200 more EMPY MOLASSES

PUNCHEONS, at Brookings, immediately.

feb6,fp JAMES MURRAY.</

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,31fp Agent Thomas Cook & Son. Post Office address, Box 572.

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.

NOTE - Canadian and American Silver taken in trade at former value. january20 WILLIAM FREW. LIME. LIME. A Great Boon to Farmers and Others.

THE SUBSCRIBER, WHILE RETURNING THANKS TO FARMERS AND OTHERS FOR THEIR patronage during the past summer, would beg to respectfully intimate that he is now prepared to make CONTRACTS with them for the coming season. 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 John Score.

BUILDERS' SUPPLY STORE, Water Street.

200 M. SEASONED PINE LUMBER, 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 3-inch. WILLIAM CAMPBELL. january13

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,

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. junel 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."

GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE, SITUATE 1 1/2 miles from Town.

I AM INSTRUCTED TO OFFER FOR SALE by private contract—that desirable detached Residence standing on about 30-acres of Land, with elegantly-laid-out gardens and pleasure grounds, including flower and kitchen gardens, tennis, lawn and plantation, approached from the Portugal Cove and Torbay Roads by a very pretty and well-planted avenue. The residence is entered through a porch and vestibule into inner hall, out of which are spacious drawing rooms, dining and breakfast 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 include stabling for two horses, large coach house, harness 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 particulars of title, apply to T. W. SPRY, Real Estate Broker. dec17

EGGS! 180 doz. P. E. I. Eggs. 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. Anselmy's Nautical Almanac for 1888. The Queen Illustrated Almanac for 1888. Belgrave's Xmas Annual. Children of Babylon, (Judy's Annual). Les Miserables, by Victor Hugo. The Mysteries of Paris, by Eugene Sue. The Young Ladies' Journal for January 1888. dec16 J. F. CHISHOLM.

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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.

HOW NED HANLAN WAS BEATEN.

A Pretty Story of the Great Aquatic Battle in the Antipodes.

THE Sydney Morning Herald thus describes the great race between Hanlan and Beach, rowed on the Nepean River, in Australia, on Nov. 26:

"A fairer day or a more perfect stretch of water upon which to row a great race in wicker boats could not be obtained; and, although Hanlan had the choice of position, it gave him little, if any, advantage over his opponent. The start was effected by mutual consent. Both men went away at the rate of forty strokes to the minute, Hanlan appearing to lead at the start. Opinion was divided on the boat, however, the timekeeper, J. G. Deeble, and others maintaining that Beach was ahead, and the Canadian's friends asserting that their man led. Both Beach and Hanlan pulled in magnificent style, the champion's mighty grip, and long, clean and powerful sweep being admired by all. Hanlan's rowing was perfect, and his boat shot through the water with great rapidity for the first 200 yards. It was a struggle between giants, and it was just a question of which would cut the other down. The greater strength of Beach, however, began to tell. In the second minute the men were striking about 37, keeping stroke and stroke together, and giving a magnificent exhibition of professional rowing. Cries of 'Beach is ahead! 50 to 1 on Beach; 'No! Hanlan leads—the Canadian's ahead!' were frequently raised on the steamer, which could not keep up with the men; but before the first quarter of a mile had been negotiated, Beach was seen looking across at Hanlan and watching him; and Mr. Deeble, who had been watching the men intently, shouted: 'He's got him; Beach wins from the start!' at the half-mile Hanlan's boat rolled a little, and he glanced nervously at his opponent, who was forging ahead slowly but surely. In point of fact, Beach rowed harder than Hanlan did, although at times the latter was actually striking the water faster than the other man. At the half-mile the Canadian rowed thirty-eight to the minute, Beach thirty-six. Another half-mile it was evident would tell who was to win the race, and the men quickened up a little. Beach now spurred up to thirty-eight, and drew away from his opponent; but the Canadian answered in fine style, and putting on a tremendous spurt, he lessened the distance almost immediately. The Illawarra man had now fairly settled down to his work, and laying all his strength on his powerful strokes he spurred for a few minutes and led Hanlan by more than a length and a half, amid a scene of considerable excitement on the steamer. Both men were cheered by the spectators as they swept onward past the boatshed on Mr. Ewan's land, at which place Nelson, who appeared to be affected by the general excitement, shot out into the stream and rowed over the course after the men, keeping pace with the steamer for a considerable time. Approaching the mile Beach took things easier, rowing thirty-three strokes to the minute, Hanlan striking thirty-four. On and on sped the oarsmen, until at the mile Beach was more than a length ahead of the Canadian, and holding him safely, notwithstanding the facts that the Toronto man was rowing brilliantly and in perfect form. The mile was accomplished in 5 min. 55 sec., very fast time for the dead waters of the Nepean. Beach now slowed down to thirty-two, Hanlan striking thirty-four, and pulling a game and plucky losing race. Subsequently the Dapto man slackened his rate of speed to thirty to the minute, but it was evident that he had plenty of strength left, as he was rowing well within himself. The Canadian, who was pulling from thirty to thirty-four per minute, still persevered in his attempt to overhaul Beach, but whenever he increased his speed the effort was instantly responded to by the New South Wales man. After leaving the old tweed

factory, on the Sidney side of the Nepean,

both men rowed up to thirty-two to the minute, neither seeming to gain any advantage. At the two-mile mark Beach had increased his lead to nearly three lengths, and from this point to the finish the excitement of those on board the steamer abated a little, as it was '100 to 1 on Beach.' A large number of ladies and gentlemen had assembled on the river bank at the rear of Mr. Dibbs' residence, and these greeted the champion with vociferous cheers and waving of handkerchiefs. Cheers were also given for the Canadian. Both men were striking thirty-two per minute as they passed the house, and they kept at it for the next 200 yards, when Beach slackened a little, but still maintained the lead he had secured. About half a mile from the finish the crowds lining the banks on either side of the river and the railway bridge began to realize the true position of affairs, and cheer after cheer rent the air as the champion swept onward. About this point Hanlan appeared to roll a little, and the cry went up: 'Hanlan's done, the race is over!' But the Canadian was not done, as he recovered almost immediately and spurred a little. Beach answered promptly, maintained the lead he had secured, and then they settled down to steadier work, the Dapto man rowing twenty-eight to the minute and Hanlan striking 30 to 31. Both men continued to pull in good style, but it was evident that they were greatly distressed, as the contest throughout had been a desperate one. A quarter of a mile more and the race was won. Beach quickened a little, rowing at 30 to the minute. Hanlan also spurred, striking 32. The spurt did not last long, however, as the oarsmen were completely fagged. The next one hundred yards were rowed by Beach at 28 per minute; Hanlan, 31, but the pace was not fast. The men then made a final effort, but Beach eventually passed the winning post first, being two clear lengths ahead of Hanlan. A scene of wild excitement and enthusiasm prevailed as the men rowed under the bridge at the conclusion of the race and shook hands with each other. The official time for the contest was 19 min. 55 1/2 sec., an exceedingly fast performance. As was to be expected after such a desperate race both men were completely rowed out. Beach, who was very pale, appeared to be more distressed than Hanlan. The former, who was greeted with loud and prolonged cheering, was taken ashore by his admirers; but the latter rowed across to his quarters, where he experienced a warm reception. That the best man will not be denied by the most ardent supporters of Hanlan; but the friends of the Illawarra man must admit that the Canadian rowed a great and gallant race from the start to the finish. Even the champion himself stated that he never rowed a 'harder or better race in his life.'

The Free Trade Agitation in America.

If President Cleveland's manifesto bears no immediate result, it will at least have done this good—that it has started the Free Trade agitation in America in a manner that will take a deal of stopping. A mass of evidence is gradually being brought to light which must eventually prove fatal to Protection. An article on the tariff in the current number of Harper's Magazine contains a few facts about the steel rail industry. It appears that for every mile of rail laid or renewed—and last year there was 10,000 miles laid and 14,000 renewed—the American railway companies pay about 1,350 dollars more than they would if the tariff were removed. In other words, a tax of something like £6,710,000 annually is placed upon the builders of railroads on the score of steel rails alone, and through them upon all that use railroads. And this for the benefit of a small and specially favoured class. This is only one item among many, but it is a fairly good instance of the manner in which a Protective system operates to the destruction of industry.—Eastern Morning News.

RAILWAY RIDES WHOLESALE.

RATHER a complex system seems to be the new Austrian one of selling railway rides wholesale. First you buy a sheet of stamps, each of which entitles you to ride a distance of 1 kilometer, or rather under a mile, but you must purchase something like £10 worth of these at a time, and the saving is about 20 per cent. on ordinary rates; but the restrictions on their use are curious, they are only available during twelve months, and will only be accepted from the individual to whom they were issued, this person having to prove his identity by showing a photograph of himself, which is fixed to the stamp sheet when issued; moreover, the stamps themselves have to be exchanged for a ticket at the booking-office before the holder can take his seat.—Photographic News.

FRESH CODFISH

Just Received, per S.S. "Curlew" At the City Auction Sale-Rooms, 6 Brls. FRESH HERRING, 10cts. per dozen.

6 Brls. Choice Fresh CODFISH, Carefully packed in ice. feb15 J. B. CURRAN & Co.

FOR SALE, By Dryer & Greene, FRESH VENISON

And - Fresh - Herring, feb15 per s.s. "Curlew."

FOR SALE, Dwelling House & Shop

situate corner of Adelaide and George Streets, LEASE:—Thirty-Five Years. Ground Rent \$26.00 per annum. Apply to C. B. RANKIN, Estate Broker, McBride's Hill. feb9,2w,ths

FOR SALE, CHEAP, A Boiler & Engine

about 6 horsepower, in first class condition. feb10 J. B. CURRAN & Co.

NIGHT: SCHOOL.

I DO HEREBY ACQUAINT MY FRIENDS AND the Public of St. John's, that I am now prepared to open NIGHT SCHOOL on TUESDAY NIGHT, the 14th Feby., in Springdale Street, No. 37, head of the New Line, opposite the former residence of Captain Lawrence Gearan. I will teach Reading, Writing and Spelling, English Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography, Bookkeeping, &c. Terms will be reasonable, &c. feb9,2w JOHN MORRISSEY.

More Cheap Books.

A Voyage in the Sunbeam, by Lady Brassey. 15 cents. Theo. A Love Story, by Mrs. F. H. Burnett. 15 cents. Nicholas Nickleby, by Charles Dickens. 15 cents. Charles O'Malley, by Charles Lever. 15 cents. The Island of Monte Christo, by A. Dumas. 15 cents. Workers of the Sea, by Victor Hugo. 15 cents. Ninety-Three, by Victor Hugo. 15 cents. The "A1" Book of Dialogues, Charades, &c. 15 cents. Diprose Popular Comic Song Book. 15 cents. Belcher's Farmers' Almanac for 1888. 15 cents. The Headless Horseman, by Matine Roitt. 15 cents. The World of Cant (40th thousand). 15 cents. Life of Goldsmith, by A. Dobson. cloth. 30 cents. Sartor Resartus, by Carlyle. cloth. 30 cents. Essays by Ralph Waldo Emerson. cloth. 30 cents. Essays by Lord Bacon. cloth. 30 cents. feb6 J. F. CHISHOLM.

COAL. Sydney COAL.

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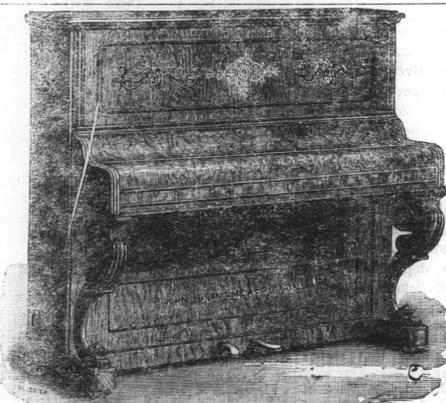
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OR,  
ADELAIDE CAMERON'S "SHADOW LOVE."

By the Author of Dora Thorne.

CHAPTER XL.  
(Continued.)

Presently she saw the small, slight figure of the lawyer; she noted the shrewd face, the keen eyes, the iron-gray hair. In his hand he carried a blue bag. At the sight of it her heart gave a sudden bound. Perhaps in that very blue bag lay the will, the secret of which she had imperiled so much to know!

She watched him enter the house, and she raised her face to the sunlit skies. The time was coming in which she had to accomplish what she had so long contemplated.

'Heaven help me!' she cried, inwardly. 'May I have the strength, the courage, the wit, the skill, to baffle those who have robbed my husband of all!'

And then her eyes fell on the fair face of Adelaide Cameron, and her heart misgave her. She, the fair young heiress, who had wasted her life on a shadowy love, was no enemy of Lord Rylestone's. Margarita had thought so once—she knew better now. She knew that Adelaide Cameron would ask nothing better than to give her fortune to Lord Rylestone, and deemed nothing more precious than his love. She could not be called his enemy.

With whom, then, was she—Lady Rylestone—going to war? Not, surely, with the dead! She pressed her hands against her throbbing temples.

'I shall go mad,' she said to herself, 'if matters continue as they are. I am half mad now.'

Slowly and mechanically she followed Miss Cameron into the house. She never remembered how the early hours of the day passed; they were like a dream to her. She roused herself at last, thinking that she must watch and listen, in order to discover where the will was deposited.

There had been one little circumstance which made her feel sure she was on the right track after all. Adelaide, who never would receive or entertain alone, asked Margarita to go with her to meet Mr. Beale. He laid his locked case on the table in order that his hand might be free; and then he looked at it with a smile.

'In that case is the copy of that important will,' he announced.

'The most cruel will that was ever made!' exclaimed Adelaide.

'Few people to whom a will had given so large a fortune would say that, Miss Cameron,' observed the lawyer.

Seeing an expression of wonder on Margarita's face, Adelaide said to her.

'That will give me a fortune, Margarita, yet I would give my life for it never to have been written.'

'You speak in riddles,' returned Margarita; and then Mr. Beale interposed with some question about Sir William, and the conversation closed.

But Margarita remembered it; and she was puzzled more than she had ever been before. Why should Miss Cameron hate a will which had given her a fortune? It could not be because she loved Lord Rylestone so dearly, that she grieved to see him deprived of it. If that were the case, she would not speak of it openly as she did.

The time came to dress for dinner. Mr. Beale and Sir William were both present at the meal; and both were great admirers of the beautiful heiress—they did not think she was to be equaled in beauty. But they looked up in wonder when the superb figure of Margarita Rylestone stood before them. She did not know why she had taken such pains with her toilet; she had no notion of impressing them—no wish that they should admire her. But she had chosen for herself a dress of rich, deep crimson, not costly in texture, but shining and light; and with it she wore a few gold ornaments.

Looking up as she entered the room, the gentlemen saw a magnificently beautiful woman, with crimson flowers in the thick coils of her dusky hair, and a face that was like an artist's dream. They rose voluntarily. The thought that shaped itself in Mr. Beale's mind was that, after all, there was nothing like brunette beauty; while Sir William wondered silently what had induced Miss Cameron to choose so beautiful a woman as her companion.

'She is plainly not afraid of rivalry,' said the baronet to himself.

The little dinner-party went off well. Adelaide was in her usual good spirits, and Margarita exerted herself to talk, though in reality she could do little but listen with her soul in her ears for one word about the will. But it was not spoken; and she felt disappointed—so bitterly disappointed that she could not eat. Sir William, who was watching her intently, saw that, although she did not refuse the dishes that was offered to her, she ate nothing. Sir William had a hearty, healthy British appetite, and he looked with grave suspicion upon those who had not. The first of the long train of circumstantial evidence that was afterward brought against Margarita was that she sat down before a well-arranged dinner and ate nothing.

When the gentlemen were alone, they expressed their idea one to the other on the subject of the heiress' beautiful dark-eyed companion. Sir William disclosed his mind very plainly.

'I do not quite understand that young lady,' he said to the lawyer. 'She is not at all the kind of person that one generally imagines a companion to be. She is like a youthful member of some noble family. And I do not think that I have ever seen a handsomer woman in my life.'

'Nor I,' agreed Mr. Beale; 'but, like yourself, I am just a little suspicious of her. I cannot see what should bring a beautiful woman like that here.'

'Perhaps she is poor,' and has her living to get,' said Sir William.

'It may be so—I do not dispute it; but I cannot help having the idea that she is playing a part. She gives me that impression. She converses and seems to be interested, yet I can see that she is listening. I know it by the intent expression that comes into her eyes. What can she be listening for?'

'I hope Miss Cameron has been careful about references and all that kind of thing,' said Sir William.

'I can hardly doubt it; but, if I saw any real ground of suspicion, I should at once advise Miss Cameron to dismiss her.'

'The lady would meet with little mercy at your hands,' observed Sir William.

'My hands would incline to justice, and my first thought would be for Miss Cameron,' said Mr. Beale; and then the gentlemen went to the drawing-room.

Although their better judgment was slightly against her, they could not help owning that they were charmed with Miss Cameron's companion. Sir William began to think that he must have been mistaken in his estimate of her; but shrewd, keen Mr. Beale detected beneath all her brilliancy the keenest anxiety.

'Why is she anxious?' he thought. 'Why does she listen so intently to me, watch me so earnestly, hang upon every word, when I speak to Miss Cameron? There is a mystery, and I must fathom it.'

Margarita's patience and perseverance won their reward at last. Mr. Beale went to Miss Cameron, and, believing himself unheard, said to her—

'I had better put the will, with the rest of the documents, in the iron safe.'

'Yes,' she agreed, 'that is the general repository of all my treasures. All my jewels and money are kept there.'

'Hush, my dear lady!' he said, with all a lawyer's caution.

She looked up at him laughingly.

'How prudent you lawyers are! There is no one to hear me.'

But he had caught the brightening of the dark eyes, and, though he did not understand it exactly, he felt sure that Margarita had heard what Miss Cameron said—that she had tried to hear it, and that the hearing had given her satisfaction.

'You have the key of the safe, I believe?' interrogated Mr. Beale.

'Yes;' and Miss Cameron produced a small bunch of keys. The one that opened the safe was small and of peculiar design.

'I hope you are careful about your keys, Miss Cameron. There have been some strange jewel robberies lately.'

'We are very systematic about the Walton ones,' she replied, with a smile—'we have a solemn ceremony that is never omitted. Every night Mrs. Gramme brings the keys to my room—and I do not think she would sleep in peace unless they had been given into my hands.'

'Mrs. Gramme is an invaluable person,' he commented. 'I do not think anyone will be able to wrong you while she is here.'

'Wrong me?' cried Adelaide. 'Why, who would think of such a thing?'

'You cannot be too careful,' observed the lawyer. 'I have heard so many strange stories lately that I should not be surprised at anything.'

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OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

"The Speech from the Throne."

At 2 o'clock this afternoon, in accordance with previous announcement, the General Assembly of this colony was opened in due form by His Excellency the Governor, Mrs. Blake, the Chief Justice, Assistant Judges, several leading citizens and a large number of ladies and gentlemen being present. His Excellency having taken his seat on the throne, and the members of the Assembly being duly summoned by the Usher of the Black Rod, Governor Blake proceeded to open the session by reading the following Speech in a remarkably clear and emphatic style. We publish the Speech to-day without comment, further than to observe that, if the public are to regard it as the key to the future policy of the Thorburn Government, it is fortunate for the country that there will soon be an opportunity to place men of real practical ability in the position of the present ministry:—

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:  
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly:

It affords me much gratification to meet the Legislature of Newfoundland for the first time since my assumption of the Government of this ancient colony.

In calling you together for the despatch of public business, I desire to express to you my deep sense of the responsibility of my position and to assure you of my earnest intention to perform the duties of my office in strict accordance with constitutional principles.

Arriving near the end of the summer, I have not yet had an opportunity of acquiring an extensive knowledge of the colony from personal observation. I have, however, visited the greater portion of the Peninsula of Avalon, and wish to express my acknowledgment of the hearty and loyal reception given to me as the representative of Her Majesty at those places visited by me.

Although I am not in a position to congratulate you upon a condition of general prosperity, I feel gratified in being able to state that the year just closed has witnessed a marked improvement in the results of the staple industries of the colony, as compared with those of immediately preceding years. The seal fishery was conducted on a scale smaller than that of former years. A short catch, with low prices for its products, made the result unremunerative to those engaged in its prosecution.

The cod fishery on the coasts of the Island and Labrador was below the average, but this difficulty was largely compensated by good prices.

The prosecution of the Bank fishery was again attended with marked success, and there is no doubt that there will be a further increase during the coming season in the outfit for this now important branch of our fisheries.

The salmon fishery was fairly successful, but the herring fishery on the coast of Labrador was a failure.

The lobster fishery was prosecuted on an increased scale, and with much success. This industry now furnishes a large item in the export trade of the colony.

The large measure of success which attended agricultural operations has contributed in a great degree to the general improvement in the condition of the people.

It is satisfactory to note that the expenditure authorised by the Legislature towards the close of last session for the purchase of seed potatoes for distribution among the necessitous was productive of most beneficial results.

It is also gratifying to find that the inducements to the clearing and cultivation of the soil, afforded by the bounties provided under the Agricultural Act of the session of 1886, have led to a large amount of profitable labor in that direction, and the development of an active public interest in this most valuable pursuit.

Mining operations, which for some years past had been gradually declining, have recently received a strong impetus from a large advance in the price of copper.

With a view to the extension of the area of useful and remunerative employment during the winter months, my Government, in November last, assumed the responsibility of offering an increase upon the drawback or bounty provided by the recent Act for the encouragement of shipbuilding, to apply to vessels of a certain class, to be built during the present season. I am informed that a stimulus was thereby imparted to this most important industry, and, at the same time, a considerable amount of wages earned by many who would otherwise be destitute. I rely, with confidence, upon your legislative confirmation of the action of the Government in this matter.

The assent given by Her Majesty to the Act of last session in relation to the sale and export of bait fishes was accompanied by an opinion that it should not come into effect during the fishing season of the year 1887. I accordingly issued a proclamation fixing the second day of January for the commencement of its operation. The necessary measures for the enforcement of the provisions of the act will be adopted by the Government.

A new contract has been entered into for the performance of the Coastal Steam Service, and also for a winter service between St. John's and Halifax, to take effect from May next. The boats now in course of construction will be, as regards size, speed and accommodation, much superior to those that have hitherto been employed in the Coastal Service; and this improvement in efficiency has been effected with a large saving upon the present cost. In this connection it would appear that the time is opportune for dealing with the question of the further improvement in the means of communication by the employment of steamers in the bays, or at least in those in which connections with the Railway can be made.

During the past year an addition has been made to our system of telegraph communication, by its extension to the district of Foggo.

The work of construction of the Placentia Railway is progressing satisfactorily as regards efficiency, cost, and rapidity of execution. It is hoped that in the early part of the summer a connection, sufficient for the commencement of operations, will be made with, or near to, Placentia. It will be necessary during the present season to make some legislative provision for operating the line.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Hon. House of Assembly:

The revenue for the past year has been somewhat short of the estimates.

The expenditure in connection with the public service has been conducted with due regard to economy and efficiency, and the accounts, with the usual estimates for the present year, will be laid before you. I feel assured that you will make adequate provision for the requirements of the various departments of Government.

Mr. President and Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:  
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Hon. House of Assembly:

Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States having agreed upon the appointment of a Joint Committee to deal with questions in dispute between the two nations in relation to the fisheries on the coasts of British North America, and other matters, with a view to a settlement upon some mutually satisfactory basis, of these and other cognate questions, the Commissioners met at Washington in the month of November and have not yet concluded their labors.

The Attorney General was appointed to proceed to Washington to confer with and assist the British Plenipotentiaries upon those points especially relating to the circumstances and interests of this colony. I expect to be in a position to inform you of the results of the deliberations of the conference.

The opening of the International Exhibition at Barcelona has been postponed till the 8th April next. The necessary preparations for the suitable representation of the colony at this Exhibition are in progress.

In compliance with your joint address of last session my predecessor appointed a commission to inquire into the constitution and working of fishery departments in other countries. I am informed that the commission have devoted much care and industry to the duties entrusted to them; I have no doubt that their report will be a useful guide to the adoption of intelligent action in the direction of the preservation and development of our fisheries.

The litigation between the colony and the Newfoundland Railway Company and their bond-holders, resulting from the failure to carry out the contract for the construction and operation of the line, has so far reached a decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to the effect that a proportionate part of the entire subsidy under the contract is payable in respect of so much of the line as has been completed and operated, but that the colony is entitled to a counter claim or to set off its claim for damages for non-performance of the contract, which claim is to be the subject of further inquiry.

You will be again asked to deal with the question of the management of the local affairs of the town of St. John's, and a measure will be introduced for that purpose.

We have reason to be thankful for the immunity which the colony has enjoyed from any epidemic disease or other public calamity.

The absence of serious crime, and the general good conduct of our people, continue to afford matter for congratulation. In leaving you to the discharge of those duties which especially devolve upon you, I am sure that you will join with me in the prayer that your labors may be directed by Divine guidance to the promotion of the best interests of the colony and its people.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

Owing to the service in Gower Street basement to-night, there will be no meeting in Fleming Street Chapel.

"PUBLIC SPEAKING."

Lecture Delivered in the Athenaeum Hall on Monday Evening Last, by Rev. T. Hodgkinson.

(Continued.)

I strongly emphasize conversation—conference—as a great help to extemporaneous utterance. Private conversation lights up the public understanding. In talking to your intimate friend, he says, "Stop! I don't see what you are driving at." That is a valuable remark. If your intelligent friend does not understand you, be sure your audience won't. The remark causes you to remodel your thought: to put it in a lucid way.

I have heard of speakers, and especially young ones, before delivering a speech, going into the garden and giving a rehearsal to the cabbages. For my part, I don't approve of this time-honored custom. Suppose a stranger happens to be passing when, in tones of thunder and prophetic attitude, you are addressing the cabbages. What will the stranger think? That you are a modern Demosthenes and privately improving your elocutionary powers? Oh, no! He will have no suspicion of that sort, but he will think that you are an escaped lunatic, and will hasten his footsteps lest you address him. I fail to see how addressing cabbages can give any conception of what it is like addressing a public audience, except that cabbages are in rows and don't create a disturbance. But there is nothing inspiring in talking to, or thundering before, cabbages. They can't assent or dissent. I think a better plan with cabbages is to eat them. They are very good and succulent in Newfoundland!

Talk to your friend, or sister, or wife, or somebody you hope some day will be, about your forthcoming literary effort? Sensible conversation dispels the fogs, lets in light, makes your subject grow in grace and strength.

So much for the preparation for public speaking. It is absolutely necessary. You quote to me men who can get upon a platform and talk about a subject as easily as the birds sing. Don't be deceived! These men were prepared. The facts were carefully stored in their craniological compartments. These speakers have been hard students. It has taken them many lessons to think and speak on their feet. No ability dispenses with study. A man may have the form of Adonis and his voice be sweet as Apollo's lute, but if he has no message worth uttering, the audience will soon want to see not his handsome face but his shapely back. He will share the fate of a certain prosy, lengthy preacher. He had been speaking for a long time. At length he paused, but only for a moment. With a heavy sigh he resumed: "What more shall I say?" A hungry youngster in one of the pews shouted: "Say Amen!"

And on the other hand, a man may have no claim to good looks, and yet, if he utters his message aright, he will magnetize his audience. Aye! though his presence be contemptible; or his voice be "sharp and untunable"; or his face be disfigured with warts; or his back has a camel's appendage; or his legs be of that irregular construction which cannot possibly afford pleasure to spectators on earth below or heaven above. Mighty is the force of speech, and famous are the victories the great mind has gained over the defects, deformities and superficialities of matter.

We have considered the private preparation of the speaker. Let us now consider some of the qualities which come into play on the platform. A public speaker must possess courage. It is so easy to sit in the audience and criticise, and it is so difficult, after picturing the dreadful moment, to meet the gaze of eyes of all colors and degrees of intensity.

The late Rev. Frederick Robertson of Brighton—one of the most gifted and original preachers in the Episcopalian fold—once remarked that "he would rather lead a forlorn hope than mount the pulpit stairs." There is nothing for it at this time but boldly to face the difficulty. Gilbert Stewart, in answer to a question as to how artists are to commence their studies, said: "Just as puppies are taught to swim—chuck them in." The same answer is applicable to public speakers. Don't "stand shivering on the brink," but plunge in. After the first shock you will recover warmth and breath, and get on better.

It is interesting and instructive to note how, in their first endeavors, great men have broken down signally. In his first speech in the House of Commons, Mr. Disraeli, afterwards Lord Beaconsfield, brought his speech to an untimely end amid jeers and roars of laughter. In sitting down the crestfallen speaker uttered a significant prophecy: "I will sit down now; but the time will come when you will hear me!"

Now, I do not say that in the moment of dire failure memories of the defeats of afterwards illustrious orators will afford you much comfort; but certainly their remembrances ought to nerve you to try again. If great heroes of speech in their first efforts come to

grief, it is not to be wondered at if ordinary mortals do.

In public speaking the old adage is true: "Nothing venture, nothing win." In the business life men have to run the risk of failure. The goody ship, with her precious freight, is sometimes wrecked. So it is in affairs of love—"Nothing venture, nothing win."

Sometimes an excellent young man proposes to a young lady that the apparent miracle, yet really simple act, of making two one, be performed, and the stammering pleader has to run the risk of a "thundering no," point blank, from the loved one's mouth. Is it to be wondered at, then, that the hopes of a speaker are sometimes blighted?

Every speaker has to run the risk of becoming a fool. But there is no strain of dishonour cast on this kind of folly. If there has been honest effort, no man need be ashamed of a break-down. There is consolation for the vanquished hero in the proverb: "A man who is not a fool sometimes is always one." And the courage of the speaker who fails is far higher than that of hearers who maintain an ignoble silence. A plucky man beaten is always sure of a certain amount of sympathy and the cheery words, "He will do better the next time." Therefore, as a renowned champion of speech observes: "Stand up cheerfully, speak up manfully, and leave off speedily."

A public speaker should endeavor to be self-possessed. I for one prefer to see a man very nervous than see a man on the platform strutting before his fellow-creatures like an inflated turkey-cock. I should expect a far better speech from the former than the latter. By self-possession I mean the speaker having the upperhand of his bodily and mental faculties.

When I came to St. John's I was struck by a word I sometimes heard used, in Water Street especially—"the boss." I don't need to stay and explain the word. Now, if I may use the word—and if I use another, you will probably forget the thought—a public speaker has to be "the boss" over a very difficult person at times to manage, namely: himself.

(To be Continued.)

AN ARBITRARY PROCEEDING.

A GREAT deal of dissatisfaction has been created by the determination of Mr. Speaker McNeily to prevent any person entering the People's House, except by ticket. What led to the adoption of such a rule it would be difficult to say; but there's no reason in existence for excluding the public in this arbitrary way. There's no cause of public excitement to show the necessity for such a step, and when there was such a cause a few years since, the very fact that the people were free to enter the Assembly at any time acted as a quietus to any ebullition of feeling; for in the Assembly they heard the spoken protests of their representatives, and came away satisfied when the grievances they suffered from were exposed. If this advantage were denied them there, and people generally found themselves shut out of their own House, while more privileged classes were admitted, it would only add to their discontent. Any restriction upon the right of constituents to see and hear what their members are doing, is injurious. If admission to the Assembly, as to the House of Commons, depended by long prescription in the use of tickets, everyone would acquiesce in the rule; but if the people had the same free access to the House of Commons that they always enjoyed here, who would think of circumscribing that right? This ticket business, so far as our Assembly is concerned, is a stupid, blundering piece of folly or worse, and will only have the effect of creating opposition to the Government where none now exists. It only shows to what oppressive lengths Mr. Speaker McNeily and Attorney General Winter would go if they could "rule the roost." Further, after the first few weeks of the session public interest in the debates of the House declines, and on many occasions the seats in the auditorium are empty.

MIRIAM'S CRIME.—The rendition of this splendid drama by the T. A. Dramatic Company, in the Total Abstinence Hall on Tuesday night last, was, perhaps, the best ever produced by the company. The audience wasn't over large, but a select and appreciative one. The number of persons in the cast is seven, and, on this occasion, were well chosen, the best talent of the company being represented. Messrs. White and O'Neil, who played pretty much together, were well up, and never seen to better advantage; whilst the ladies were all that could be desired, and seemed quite at home. The gentleman who played "Scumley," creditably acquitted himself, as also did Mr. Morrissey, in the role of porter. Special mention, however, should be made of Mr. Frank Walsh, as "Biles, the Lawyer"—the very life of the play. His easy and earnest style of acting, and the droll manner in which he brought out his "Biles," &c., fairly convulsed the audience. Indeed, the performance throughout was faultless, and all seemed, or felt with the comedian, that they "had much to be thankful for." An efficient orchestra from the society's band was in attendance and discoursed sweet music at intervals, and the best order was kept throughout.—Com.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S MEETING.

Some Remarks by "One Who Was Present."

How like a mounting devil in the heart Rules the unreined ambition! Let it once But play the monarch, and its haughty brow Glows with a beauty that bewilders thought, And unthrones peace for ever. Putting on The very pomp of Lucifer, it turns The heart to ashes, and with not a spring Left in the bosom for the spirit's lip, We look upon our splendor and forget The thirst of which we perish! Oh, if earth be all, and Heaven nothing, What thrice-mocked fools we are!—WILLIS.

DEAR SIR,—If anything in the world—any event or circumstance—could possibly check the unreined ambition of those few position-seekers who appeared in the Court House on Saturday night last, as the originators and leaders of the volunteer movement, I think their reception by that intelligent audience ought to prove a salutary lesson to them for all time to come. Such a meeting, such a farce, in the name of patriotism and the public good, I think never before was enacted in this much-abused and insulted colony.

Mr. Outerbridge claimed that he had prepared the resolutions for the meeting, and that he had come before the public, in this movement, from purely patriotic motives. I am not inclined to question this gentleman's veracity, but, judging from some of his extravagant statements and unreliable figures, I, with many others, shall have to believe that there are other forces, besides patriotism, acting upon him and urging him forward in this movement.

The second resolution, to use a common expression, "let the cat out of the bag," and showed plainly to the audience that it was intended that the proposed volunteer force should be supported entirely out of the public funds of the colony. After having moved the second resolution, Mr. A. J. W. McNeily had the good sense and honesty to acknowledge that it was ambiguous and misleading, and he therefore linked himself with the audience in the feeling and expression that the British Government should be requested to stand the entire expense of the organization, equipment and maintenance of a volunteer force in and for this colony.

To my mind, sir, everything in connection with the order of procedure in this meeting was ridiculously absurd. To ask such a meeting to pass resolutions affecting the finances and the rights and privileges of every district and settlement in the colony, with the idea of rushing them into law, at the public cost, is preposterous in the extreme. Now, sir, why should any man, in the pursuance of a noble patriotic movement, put forward ambiguous statements and unreliable figures. Mr. Outerbridge stated that there were a "million pounds in the different banks here," and that not "ten thousand of it belonged to the merchants of St. John's." It was the people's money all over the island, "and it was for their protection that the volunteer movement was originated." This, at any rate, was the purport of Mr. Outerbridge's remarks. He further stated that 3 cents per head of our population would be sufficient to pay the entire cost of such a volunteer brigade as would be capable of defending, for "two or three days," our homes and our property from the "shot and shell" of an iron-clad enemy outside the Narrows. The public will observe again—sixty thousand dollars for a comparatively useless police force, and only six thousand dollars for a volunteer brigade capable of defending St. John's in any case of emergency. If Mr. Outerbridge's figures and statements are reliable, the way is clear. Let us have the volunteer force, which will "ensure safety and protection;" and surely it will not be considered injudicious, but highly recommendable, in view of such "safety and protection," to take a slice of six thousand dollars off the public grant for this laudable and necessary service.

But the meeting! Well, it was a "fizzle." Such a thundering, demolishing rebuff to inflated, "purse-proud" mortals, in the providential economy, must certainly accomplish some wise and foreseen purpose. Alas! "what is man?" With all his pride and vanity, "man proposes but God disposes."

Towards the close of the meeting there appeared to be a strong feeling of uneasiness and "retireishness" in the privileged part of the Court Room. In closing, there was no "National Anthem," no doxology or benediction; the meeting terminated abruptly.

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.  
St. John's, Feb. 14, 1888.

DIED.  
On Friday, Feb. 3rd. at Burgeo, Placentia Bay, of consumption, Janet, youngest daughter of James and Susan Chambers, aged 22 years. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." (Halifax papers please copy.)  
On the 15th inst. Alice May, only daughter of Bartholomew and Bridget Walsh, aged 2 years and 8 mos.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.  
15—Curlew, Delaney, St. Pierre, 2 days, Bowring Bros.—ballast.  
16—Ariel, Tucker, New York, 10 days, Bowring Bros.—40 tons coal, 1 m staves, 859 brs flour.  
CLEARED.  
15—Nelly, Olsen, Pernambuco, A Goodridge & Sons—3601 qts fish. Ceylon, Cotten, Barbados, J Murray—1000 qts fish, 165 bris herring, 65 bdis hoops.