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CONFEDERATION

The Bay Metropolis Speaks.

A MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF UNION,

Should Good Terms be Offered.

GLOOMY PROSPECT FOR SEALERS.

"Vanguard" and "Greenland" Jammed.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

HARBOR GRACE, This Forenoon.

Confederation is now the topic of conversation here, and it is thought that a majority of the people of this district would not object on favorable terms; but would feel rather indignant if the Government should decide upon such an important matter without first ascertaining the views of the people. It is also hoped that, if a delegation be sent to Ottawa, men of sound judgment and good sense—men who will do their utmost for the good of the country, and not for themselves only—will be commissioned. We would recommend the Government to sink their political differences with Sir William Whiteaway and ask him to accompany the delegation. By thus acting we would secure the services of conscientious and level-headed men, who would do their best for the interests of our country. Mr. Winter can hardly be trusted. He has already had a very pleasant trip to Washington at the colony's expense, and what has he done for us?

The prospects for the steamers *Vanguard* and *Greenland* are at present rather discouraging. They have endeavored to reach Salvage, where they are impeded by heavy rafted ice, making it impossible for them to force through. They must, however, wait patiently for a change of wind from a westerly direction.

IMPORTANT FROM GREENSPOND.

A Steamer off Cape Freels.

NUMEROUS ICE PARTRIDGE AND BEDLAMERS.

"Ranger," "Iceland" and "Falcon" Still Jammed.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

GREENSPOND, Saturday Night.

A light breeze has been blowing from the northeast all day and the weather is fine and mild, but the Bay continues packed with ice. It is reported that a barque-rigged steamship hove in sight off Cape Freels yesterday, with one staysail set. She is still visible about fifteen miles from here this morning, in an east-north-east direction.

Numbers of ice-partridge and other birds have lately been killed in this neighborhood, and many bedlamers seen at the Cape.

There appears to be no possibility of the steamers "Ranger," "Iceland" and "Falcon" getting off yet.

The schooners "Prince Imperial" and "Mayflower" are anchored at Flowers Island.

FROM THE WEST COAST.

The Outlook at Channel.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CHANNEL, Saturday Evening.

Five steamers and one schooner left for the icefields this morning. If the weather continues fine it is conjectured that there will be a good seal fishery. No ice is now in sight, and a steady breeze is blowing from the northeast, with fine weather. The fishing boats still continue doing well.

FROM CAPE RACE.

Movements of the West Coast Squadron.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CAPE RACE, This Evening.

Wind E.N.E., blowing a fresh breeze and weather fine, with ice packed in against the shore. The steamers *Hercules* and *Lady Glover* went west yesterday afternoon. The steamer *Curlew* passed inward, outside the ice, at 8.30 a.m. to-day.

LETTER FROM "FRENCH SHORE."

Editor Evening Telegram.

SIR,—As a result of the "Bait Act" passed by a commercial principled Government we are threatened by retaliatory measures by the French. As this means enforcing their treaty rights on the so-called French Shore, it is a much simpler matter than the general public seem to think. Let any person take a map of Newfoundland and beginning at Cape Ray follow the coast-line of the west coast until he reaches Cape John on the east coast, and then remember that on all this longshore, embracing half of our entire coast-line, France claims the exclusive right to fish, and remember that they not only claim the right, but have always enforced it when they have seen fit.

Forty years ago they enforced their claims everywhere along the west coast, but lately they have relaxed their vigilance. The failure of the fisheries has led to the abandonment of large areas to the English settlers. Remember, the French never had or claimed to have any rights to the land except for their use during the fishing season; in fact they always had to leave Newfoundland by the 20th September each year and could not leave even one man to protect their property. But the fishing privileges they rigidly conserved; they would not allow the winter guardian of their property (always an Englishman) to catch fish except for his winter use. Even the salmon rivers were all claimed and fished by the French until about twenty-five years ago when they gave way on this point; since then the salmon fisheries have been held by the settlers. The Attorney General stands up in his place and says, "We will allow the settlers on the French Shore to sell bait." How the French consul must smile: "allow the settlers to sell bait." Why the French can, by simply enforcing their treaty rights, prevent the settlers from hauling the bait. With the settlements they cannot interfere, but they own the water rights as they claim exclusively. Again, we are told that the French will not be allowed to establish lobster factories. One thing we do know, that the French will not allow the settlers to establish lobster factories, except as a favor in some unfrequented localities.

Some people talk about British gunboats protecting the British flag, &c., but how many a poor Newfoundland fisherman could tell a tale of being towed out of his own harbor by French men-of-war. It has been done hundreds of times, and will be done again. Not more than three years since a whole fleet of Newfoundland vessels were driven out of St. John Islands Bay, and ignominiously driven out too, by the French man-of-war, and when they called on the British vessels for protection they were laughed at and told they had no business there.

Let some of the Government members who laugh at French retaliation charter a vessel and go on the so-called French Shore on a fishing voyage for cod, lobsters, &c., and they will come home wiser and sadder men.

The French have been attacked and defied by the passage of the "Bait Act." The fishing interest is strong enough in France to cause measures to be adopted for the enforcement of their treaty rights that will bring poverty and distress and consequent depopulation to all the districts on the French Shore. Whether they will enforce their rights, we cannot say; but their rights have always been allowed on the FRENCH SHORE.

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Tasker celebration notice.....A. K. Lumsden
Auction—dwelling house and shop.....T. W. Spry
Curliana notice.....see advertisement
Parade rink notice.....ice good this evening
No. 1 Devon Row to let.....J. H. Martin
Sociable.....Gower St. Methodist Church
Choice Canadian apples.....Clift, Wood & Co

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JAMES MURRAY

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION SALES.

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By JAMES HYNES,

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

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A TALE OF THREE LIONS.

BY H. RIDER HAGGARD, Author of King "Solomon's Mines," "She," "Jess," &c.

CHAPTER I.

Most of you boys will have heard of Allan Quatermain, who was one of the party who discovered King Solomon's mines some little time ago, and afterward came to live in England near his friend Sir Henry Curtis. He has gone back to the wilderness now, as these old hunters almost invariably do, on one pretext or another. They cannot endure civilization for very long, its noise and racket and the omnipresence of broadclothed humanity proving more trying to their nerves than the danger of the desert. I think that they feel lonely here, for it is a fact that is too little understood, though it has often been stated, that there is no loneliness like the loneliness of crowds, especially to those who are unaccustomed to them. "What is there in the world," old Quatermain would say, "so desolate as to stand in the streets of a great city and listen to the footsteps falling, falling, multitudinous as the rain, and watch the white line of faces as they hurry past, you know not whence, you know not whither? They come and go, their eyes meet yours with a cold stare, for a moment their features are written on your mind, and then they are gone forever. You will never see them again, they will never see you again; they come up out of the blackness, and presently they once more vanish into the blackness, taking their secrets with them. Yes, that is loneliness pure and undefiled; but to one who knows and loves it, the wilderness is not lonely, because the spirit of nature is ever there to keep the wanderer company. He finds companions in the rushing winds—the sunny streams babble like Nature's children at his feet; high above him, in the purple sunset, are domes and minarets and palaces, such as no mortal man hath built, in and out of whose flaming doors the glorious angels of the sun do move continually. And then there is the wild game, following its feeding grounds in great armies, with the spring-buck thrown out before them for skirmishers; then rank upon rank of long-faced blesbuck, marching and wheeling like infantry; and last the shining troops of quagga and the fierce-eyed shaggy vilderbeests to take the place of the cossack host that hangs upon an army's flanks.

"Oh, no," he would say, "the wilderness is not lonely, for, my boy, remember that the further you get from man the nearer you grow to God," and though this is a saying that might well be disputed, it is one I am sure that anybody who has watched the sun rise and set on the limitless deserted plains, and seen the thunder chariots roll in majesty across the depths of unfathomable sky, will easily understand. Well at any rate he went back again, and now for many months I have heard nothing at all of him, and to be frank, I greatly doubt if anybody will ever hear of him again. I fear that the wilderness, that has for so many years been a mother to him, will now also prove his monument and the monument of those who accompanied him, for the quest upon which he and they have started is a wild one indeed.

But while he was in England for those three years or so between his return from the successful discovery of the wise king's buried treasures, and the death of his only son, I saw a great deal of old Allan Quatermain. I had known him years before in Africa, and after he came home, whenever I had nothing better to do, I used to run up to Yorkshire and stay with him, and in this way I at one time and another heard many of the incidents of his past life, and most curious some of them were. No man can pass all those years following the rough existence of an elephant hunter without meeting with many strange adventures,

and one way and another old Quatermain has certainly seen his share. Well, the story that I am going to tell you in the following pages is one of the later of these adventures; indeed, if I remember right, it happened in the year 1875. At any rate I know that it was the only one of his trips upon which he took his son Harry (who is since dead) with him, and that Harry was then about fourteen. And now for the story, which I will repeat, as nearly as I can in the words in which hunter Quatermain told it to me one night in the old oak-paneled vestibule of his house in Yorkshire. We were talking about gold-mining—

"Gold-mining!" he broke in, "ah! yes, I once went gold-mining at Pilgrims' Rest in the Transvaal, and it was after that that we had the turn up about Jim-Jim and the lions. Do you know it? Well, it is, or was, one of the queerest little places you ever saw. The town itself was pitched in a sort of stony valley, with mountains all about it, and in the middle of such scenery as one does not often get the chance of seeing.

"Well, for some months I dug away gayly at my claim, but at length the very sight of a pick or of a washing trough became hateful to me. A hundred times a day I cursed my own folly for having invested eight hundred pounds, which was about all that I was worth at the time, in this gold-mining. But like other better people before me, I had been bitten by the gold bug, and now had to take the consequences. I had bought a claim out of which a man had made a fortune—five or six thousand pounds at least—as I thought, very cheap; that is, I had given him five hundred pounds down for it. It was all that I had made by a very rough year's elephant hunting beyond the Zambesi, and I sighed deeply and prophetically when I saw my successful friend, who was a Yankee, sweep up the roll of Standard bank notes with the lordly air of the man who has made his fortune, and cram them into his breeches pockets. "Well," I said to him—the happy vender—"it is a magnificent property, and I only hope that my luck will be as good as yours has been." He smiled; to my excited nerves it seemed that he smiled ominously, as he answered me in a peculiar Yankee drawl: "I guess, stranger, as I ain't the man to want to turn a dog's stomach against his dinner, more especial when there ain't no more going of the rounds; as for that there claim, well, she's been a good nigger to me; but between you and me, stranger, speaking man to man now that there ain't any filthy lucre between us to obfuscate the features of the truth, I guess she's about worked out!"

"I gasped; the fellow's effrontery took the breath out of me. Only five minutes before he had been swearing by all his gods, and they appeared to be numerous and mixed, that there were half a dozen fortunes left in the claim, and that he was only giving it up because he was downright weary of shovelling the gold out. "Don't look so vexed, stranger," went on my tormentor, "perhaps there is some shine in the old girl yet; any way you are a downright good fellow, you are, therefore you will, I guess, have a real A 1 plate-glass opportunity of working on the feelings of Dame Fortune. Any way it will bring the muscle up upon your arm if the stuff is uncommon stiff, and what is more you will in the course of a year earn a sight more than two thousand dollars in value of experience."

"And he went, just in time, for in another minute I should have gone for him, and I saw his face no more. "Well, I set to work on the old claim with my boy Harry and a half dozen Kafirs to help me, which, seeing that I had put nearly all my worldly wealth into it, was the least I could do. And we worked, my word, we did work—early and late we went at it—but never a bit of gold did we see; no, not even a nugget large enough to make a scarf pin out of. The American gentleman had mopped up the whole lot and left us the sweepings. "For three months this game went on till at last I paid away all or very near all that was left of our little capital in wages and food for the Kafirs and ourselves. When I tell you that Boer meal was sometimes as high as four pounds a bag, you will understand that it did not take long to run through our banking account.

"At last the crisis came. One Saturday night I had paid my men as usual, and bought a muid of mealie meal at sixty shillings for them to fill themselves with, and then I went with my boy Harry and sat on the edge of the thundering great hole we had dug in the hillside, and which we had in bitter mockery named Eldorado.

(To be Continued.)

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LADY MAY'S SECRET,

The Mystery of Weldhome Manor.

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CHAPTER II.
(Continued.)

Then he remembered that he had decided
not to talk to her about flowers or dancing,
even though it was a ball at which they were
present. He wondered if he could persuade
her to go out with him upon the terrace, where
so many happy people were walking in the
moonlight? He would try.

'You are not dancing, Miss Nairne,' he
said; 'perhaps, as the room is warm, you
would come out upon the terrace? The music
sounds better there.'

She need not have made herself more dis-
tractingly beautiful, he thought, by throwing a
piece of white lace over her golden hair. His
case was bad enough before; but now—

They stepped out into the bright moonlight.
A few hours since they were strangers, and
now they seemed to have left the world behind
them and to think only of each other.

The moon never, perhaps, shone upon a
prettier sight than these two, she with her
golden hair and flower-like face, he so dark
and noble-looking—she all girlish sweetness,
he all manly strength. The strains of the
beautiful waltz 'Mon Reve' came to them
faintly from the ball room. It was a night
never to be forgotten by either; it began a
new life for them. Captain Carlisle was young,
but he had made a name for himself. He told
her how he loved his profession, how none
other would have ever pleased him, and that
when he died he should like to die a soldier's
death. She shuddered as she listened:

'Do you think so much of death?' she asked.
'Why, I have never thought of it at all!'
'A soldier must face death at times,' he re-
plied. 'My beau-ideal of a soldier is one
who is ready to die when honor calls him.'

She remembered those words as long as she
lived. They were on the terrace in the moon-
light only half an hour, and yet it seemed to
them that they had been there at least thrice
as long; and they both forgot Lady Mary
Trevor.

'What is the name of that waltz they are
playing?' he asked her. 'How sad and sweet
it is!'

'It is called "Mon Reve,"' she answered.
'I wonder,' he said, 'if I shall wake up to-
morrow, and find this a dream; it seems too
beautiful to be real! You are like the ideal
woman one meets in dreams; I shall awake to-
morrow and wonder if you are flesh and
blood.'

'Indeed!' she responded, with a smile.
'Look at this, then; and she held out to him a
little white hand.

'That does not look so very real; and he
touched it reverently with his own.
'I am very real, for all that,' laughed Hilary,
'and not at all like a dream-girl. I can sing
and dance.'

'I am sure of that; your face is full of
music and your every movement full of grace.
I wish you would give me a dance; will you?'
'Yes, if you would like it,' she answered;
and they went back to the ball-room together.

'I wish,' he whispered to her, 'that they
would play "Mon Reve" once again; but he
was content when he heard the "Blue Danube."
'Am I to relinquish you now?' he said, when
the dance was over. 'Must I really take you
to Lady Kilmore?'

'You ought to do so,' she replied.
'I will if you will just tell me one thing,
Miss Nairne. Shall I meet you again? I feel
as though I cannot leave you, even for one
minute, until I know whether I shall see you
again.'

'Why, you have scarcely seen me until now!'
she replied.
'I cannot help thinking that I have known
you all my life,' he said. 'I have dreamed of
some one like you. Believe me, the moment
my eyes fell upon your face I said to myself,
'Why, there she is!' as though I had been
waiting long years for you. When shall I see
you again?'

'I do not know.'
It was on the girl's lips to say, 'They will
not let us meet because of Lady Mary Trevor';
but, as Captain Carlisle did not mention his
cousin, she did not. Besides, she argued with
herself, it would not matter; their friendship
could not interfere with Lady Mary's rights.

'I shall not be here long,' he added in a
passionate whisper. 'Let me see as much of
you as I can.'

'Lady Ardean often drives over to see us;
you can come with her,' said Hilary.

'Is that the brightest hope you can hold out
to me?' he asked. 'In all our lives will there
never come to us again an hour like this?'

'I do not know. You bewilder me,' she
replied.
'And I think you have taken my senses
away; and the two looked at each other.
'We must go to my aunt,' said the girl
hurriedly.

He affected to look round the room.
'I am very sorry,' he returned, 'but I do
not see her. Shall we go in search of her?'

This led to another promenade down the
long room, in the course of which he met Lady
Ardean.

'Miss Nairne,' she said, 'I have been re-
quested to look for you by half a dozen gen-
tlemen. Do you know how many engage-
ments you have broken—how many hearts
you have caused to ache? I have not seen
you in the ball-room lately; where have you
been?'

'The night was so beautiful and the room
was so warm that I—that we—' stammered
Hilary.

'We went out on to the terrace,' said the
captain boldly; and Lady Ardean felt some-
thing like pity as she looked at the young
couple and remembered what at their age the
moonlight was like.

'I see,' she returned quietly; 'but, as Lady
Kilmore is looking for you, Hilary, you must
now come with me. She is in the long gal-
lery.'

Captain Carlisle said at once—
'I should like to see Lady Kilmore. I un-
derstand that she is very clever in the cultiva-
tion of roses.'

'If he attacks her on that, her weak side, he
will be master of the position,' thought Lady
Ardean.

The three went together to the long gallery
to find Lady Kilmore, who was growing anx-
ous about her niece.

The young captain intended to win from
Hilary's aunt an invitation to Weldhome, so
that he might see Miss Nairne again, and he
won it by affecting a great interest in roses.
There was nothing he liked so much, he told
Lady Kilmore, as seeing a beautiful collection
of roses. She said to him, with a smiling
face—

'Then you must come over to Weldhome to
see mine. They are in bloom unusually early
this year. You can examine and enjoy them
at your leisure. I shall be pleased to have
your opinion of them.'

'What a pity it is that they ever die!' he
remarked.
'Ah, you speak like a young man!' said
Lady Kilmore. 'If they were always in
bloom, they would lose their charm. You
could not always live in a valley of roses.'

He thought that he could if Hilary were
there; and the girl read the thought in the
eyes that met hers. Once again that night he
spent half an hour with her.

'I shall see you in the morning,' he said.
'I am going to inspect Lady Kilmore's roses.
Will you be pleased to see me?'

Her answer was lost in a sudden loud strain
of music; but he understood it, for his eyes
sparkled with joy.

'I wish,' he went on, 'that I could annihi-
late them. How shall I be able to wait until
the morning?'

'Where you as impatient yesterday?' she
asked.
'Yesterday's youth and yesterday's life' wil-
never come back to me, he answered. Where
I stood yesterday I shall never stand again,'
he added; and Hilary's heart beat with pleasure
that was almost pain.

Captain Carlisle could not leave her. If she
danced, he stood still to watch her; if she
spoke, he listened spell-bound; and, when the
girl's hand rested on his arm the young officer
trembled.

'Are you going?' he asked, seeing that Lady
Kilmore had left her chair and was crossing
the ball-room.
'Yes—that is the signal,' replied Hilary.
'Let me take you to the carriage,' he said.
'As I have been waiting here some time for
that pleasure, you will not deprive me of it.'

It was pleasant to the girl to feel his strong
kindly hands drawing the wraps round her, to
see what anxious care he took of her, and to
have his handsome face bending over her in
the starlight.

'I shall never forget to-night,' he whis-
pered. 'It is like a new life to me. Have you
been happy, Miss Nairne?'

'Yes—very happy,' she replied in a low
tone; and their hands met.
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HALIFAX, N.S., March 12.

Labouchere's motion against a hereditary House of Lords was defeated by a vote of 223 to 163. The Gladstonians generally supported the motion.

Emperor Frederick has arrived at Berlin. He stood the journey from San Remo well.

The steamer *Sardinian* arrived from England yesterday, bringing Premier Thorburn among her passengers. The *S.S. Newfoundland* is undergoing repairs, and sails for St. John's on Wednesday or Thursday. Mr. Thorburn has arranged the ocean mail service with the Allans for twelve thousand pounds a year, the British Government paying four thousand and the Newfoundland eight.

SEALING AND OTHER NEWS.

Boat and Man Lost.

"PANTHER" OFF GREENSPOND.

Prospects at Twillingate.

MANY OLD SEALS TAKEN.

Special to the Evening Telegram.

FOGO, This Forenoon.

Wind east and weather frosty, with Bay full of ice. A few seals were seen yesterday.

BONAVISTA, This Afternoon.

Weather mild and wind light from the eastward, with misty rain. Bay full of ice.

CHANNEL, This Afternoon.

A southeast breeze prevails to-day, with fine weather. Boats did middling on Saturday, and all are out to-day, without any interference from ice. A skiff struck Brown Rock on Saturday night and sunk. One man was drowned. The skiff and body were recovered yesterday.

GREENSPOND, This Afternoon.

Wind northeast, blowing lightly, and weather fine, with barometer 30.55. The barque reported on Saturday proves to be the *Panther*. Men from Flowers Island boarded her on Saturday. They report that water could then be seen about five miles to the eastward of the *Panther*. The steamers *Ranger*, *Falcon* and *Ioeland* are still here. Fourteen seals were killed on Saturday.

TWILLINGATE, This Afternoon.

Wind east, and weather frosty. About forty old seals were taken on Saturday some ten miles off. The men had great difficulty in getting ashore.

OUR GULF SEALING FLEET.

Eleven Stowaways Sent Ashore.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CHANNEL, This Afternoon.

Before sailing for the icefields eleven stowaways were landed from the sealing steamers, and as the Government has given the magistrate orders to have nothing to do with them, the inhabitants fear that they may become troublesome, if left to roam about unable or unwilling to find employment.

FROM TREPASSEY.

Special to the Evening Telegram.

TREPASSEY, This Afternoon.

The steamer *Portia*, Captain Dawson, five days from New York and Halifax, with full general cargo, and English, American and Canadian mails, put in here on Friday evening. Owing to the ice being jammed on the Southern Shore, she could not proceed. She has no passengers.

The steamer *Curlaw*, from the West, put in here on Friday night, and remained here till this morning, when she left to-day, and got down. A brigantine and a topsail schooner are also in our bay, inward bound when the shore gets clear. Wind E.N.E. here since this day week.

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, MARCH 12, 1888.

BE CALM, GENTLEMEN!

IN spite of the very urgent necessity that exists for calmness and prudence in discussing the question of Confederation, we regret to observe that already a contrary disposition manifests itself on the part of a certain section of the local press. This is most unfortunate, and can accomplish no "earthly good" here or there. Tall, highfaluting talk about selling the country and "taxing the people" may sound very well in the ears of a few interested parties, but in the opinion of all intelligent men it has only the ring of the "scoundrel's brass" and the "tinkling symbol."

What we want, and what the people generally want, is to have the case fairly placed before us in all its details, and then to be allowed to base our verdict on the evidence adduced. It is highly improper for newspaper men, at this early stage of the discussion, to give rein to their personal prejudices and predilections. No good can possibly be accomplished by such a course of conduct; while, on the other hand, recklessness in this respect may seriously affect some of the most important interests of the country.

So far, we have only before us the despatch of Lord Lansdowne to Governor Blake inviting a delegation to Ottawa merely to talk over the matter and hear the terms Canada is prepared to offer. Surely there can be no harm in this. We will be just as free after the proposals shall have been laid before us as we are at the present moment. Where, then, is the excuse for unseemly exhibitions by the press in this connection? Respectable Newfoundlanders everywhere will read with feelings of indignation the insolent and indecent remarks which have lately been made in reference to the despatch alluded to. Governor Blake has so far acted in a constitutional and popular manner, not only with respect to this affair, but also in regard to every other matter with which he has had to do since his arrival amongst us. Therefore, the insinuations in question are as uncalled for as they are vulgar and disrespectful. Such proceedings tend to show what little reliance can be placed upon some people in times of emergency, and how antagonistic their natural inclinations are to any and every movement having for its object the unity and strength of the Empire.

Mind you, reader, the TELEGRAM is not an advocate of Confederation. The fact is, we have always been opposed to union with the Dominion of Canada, and always shall be, until it can be distinctly shown that the people of Newfoundland generally would benefit by such an alliance. And even then we shall insist upon the question being fairly submitted to the country, at a general election, after ample time has been allowed for thoughtful consideration. We can assure the different districts, then, that there is no cause for alarm at present. Nothing definite will be done without consulting them. We say this, not that we have any confidence in the men who now direct our public affairs, but because we happen to know that it is the wish of the Imperial Government, as well as the Government of Canada, that, in any case, the people of Newfoundland should decide this question for themselves.

Just a few words more. In dealing with this subject we should try to act an unselfish part. If we cannot be entirely unselfish, let us endeavor to be as unselfish as we can, and, as our Harbor Grace correspondent says in his telegram of to-day, let us select the best men we have as members of the delegation to Ottawa, if we send any delegation at all. No one has any confidence in the present Executive, we admit; but there are other public men with whom we may safely trust the interests of the colony. Prominent among these stand Sir William Whiteway and Mr. Robert Bond, the incorruptible member for Fortune Bay. The former, it is true, has always been a confederate. Still we must not forget that he is a man of means, with a heavy stake in the Commonwealth at the same time, and therefore pretty certain to faithfully discharge his duty. The latter—Mr. Bond—needs no recommendation from any quarter. He is known all over the country as a gentleman of sterling integrity; and we merely voice the general sentiment when we say that he is worthy to be trusted with the most important affairs of state. As regards the idea of Mr. James S. Winter being one of the delegates: we have only to say that we could never consent to such an appointment. In the present instance honest, upright men are required, not "perfidious temporizers." Therefore, we dismiss Mr. Winter with the words of Job: "Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I. Yea, thine own lips testify against thee."

Don't forget the Athenæum lecture this evening.

SUPREME COURT.

(PRESENT: THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR F. B. T. CARTER, AND MR. JUSTICE LITTLE.)

O'Dwyer vs. O'Dwyer.

The parties to this case are Mrs. O'Dwyer, plaintiff; and John O'Dwyer, defendant. Both live together and up to the present have carried on a licensed spirit retail trade in a store on Duckworth Street near the Beach. Twenty years ago they were married, at which time she was doing a thriving trade in her own right, being the sole proprietress of the business in question; and he had just relinquished the occupation of a bread-cart driver. As the law then stood, everything she possessed became his and all he owned, which was nothing, was his own. Since that time the accumulations of the trade amounted to twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000), to which, although it was earned largely by her own hard exertions, she had no title. This abnormal state of things occasioned disagreements, and as by recent legislation a wife is permitted to own property and carry on trade independently of any participation or interest therein by her husband, the plaintiff, Mrs. O'Dwyer, at last stood on her legal rights. The result was that she signed an agreement with him by which she resumed absolute possession of the business in consideration of her yielding up to him sole possession of the twelve thousand dollars, and also paying him one hundred pounds a year for life. Rid of all legal verbiage, it is the validity of this agreement that is now before the Supreme Court, counsel for plaintiff contending that it was in fraud of her rights as a woman, and from the fact of her acting without independent legal advice that such an agreement was signed by her.

Morris & Morris for plaintiff; Mr. Kent, Q.C., for defendant.

MARCH 10th, 1888.

James Dooley vs. Elias Goudie.

This was an action of trespass tried in the fall term of the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Little and a special jury—a verdict was returned for the defendant. At the close of the term, the plaintiff obtained a rule nisi calling upon the defendant to shew cause why the verdict was entered for the plaintiff, on the grounds that the verdict was contrary to evidence. In the post-terminal sittings of the Supreme Court in January, cause was shewn to the rule and it was argued both on the part of the plaintiff and the defendant. To-day their Lordships gave a judgment on the rule, making it absolute, by stating that they were all of opinion that the verdict for defendant in this case should be turned into a verdict for the plaintiff for ten cents damages.

Mr. Morris for plaintiff; Mr. Morison for defendant.

A NEW STEAM LAUNCH.

A STEAM launch of large dimensions is being built at Mr. James Angel's engine works, Water Street, for Mr. Foote of Grand Bank. It is 50 feet, length; 11 feet 6 inches, beam; and 7 feet 9 inches, depth. Her engines are of the compound type and she will have a speed of about ten miles an hour. She is regularly fitted up with cabin and forecastle and her hold will contain a large quantity of merchandise. She will be employed in visiting the three lobster factories owned by Mr. Foote in Fortune Bay and will facilitate their operations and increase the quantity of their output to an extent that will more than compensate for the extra cost of using steam. The enterprise shewn by our people in the lobster packing business is well up to, if not ahead of, any similar display by our provincial competitors; and this past winter tens of thousands of tins cans made by machinery have been turned out in this city by those interested in this trade. So energetically has this field been covered that some fear the trade is being overdone; but there ought to be no fear of this, in view of the fact that there are many new markets open to the consumption of this class of fish, beside the English. As well as the launch mentioned, there are also four engine boilers and two engines in process of manufacture at these works, and business was never so good there as at present, necessitating the employment of additional workmen. Seventy hands all told work there at present.

A STRETCH of open water can be seen from Signal Hill, extending beyond the limits of the ice-field, which latter is less than two miles wide. A slight off-shore wind would facilitate navigation.

The sail-makers are beginning to realize the benefit attendant upon the increase of schooners engaged in the Grand Bank Fishery. Orders for many complete suits of sails keep their hands pretty busy and stimulate the hope that the thriving times in that trade associated with the prosecution of the seal-fishery by sailing vessels, will be revived by means of the Banking industry.

The amusement-loving public rather miss this winter the musical and elocutionary entertainments of our young friends of the Total Abstinence Society. They were always interesting and well repaid the attention which indeed they commanded to a liberal extent. Many of their dialogues were amusing and several of their songs, such as the "Fair Forest Nymphs," and the "Old Village Blacksmith's Shop," made a deep impression and remain sources of pleasant remembrance.

THE COLLEGE.

LETTER NO. 4.

Editor Evening Telegram.

I thank you, Mr. Editor, for your promptness in sending me the "Dunciad," and I shall forthwith address myself to the study of it. The argument of book the first begins thus:—"The Proposition, the Invocation, and the Inscription. Then the original of the great empire of *Dulness*, and the cause of the continuance thereof. The College of the *Goddess* in the City, with her private Academy for poets in particular; the governors of it, and the four Cardinal Virtues."

"O thou! whatever title please thine ear, 'Dean,' 'Vindict,' 'Bickerstaff,' or 'Gulliver! 'Whether thou choose Corvantes' serious air, 'Or laugh and shake in 'Eubolus' easy-chair, 'Or praise the court, or magnify mankind, 'Or thy greiv'd country's copper chains' unbind; 'From thy Boetia, though her power retires, 'Mourn no!"

because "a first-rate preparatory school of academy was, no doubt, inaugurated in '56."

"Hence bards, like 'Vindict,' long in vain tied down, 'Escape in monsters and amaze the town. 'Hence Miscellanies spring, the weekly boast 'Of Bovey's chaste press, and 'Vindict' rubric post:

"Hence Journals, Medley's, *Mercuries*, *Magazines*" are, "informed, by competent authority that, up to this day, there has not been a 'diocesan seminary' in Newfoundland in accordance with the decrees of the Council of Trent." What does Father Scott think of this? Were "the decrees of the Holy Synod so far inoperative" when he and his companions, Fathers Hennebury, Dunphy, Burn, Conway, O'Brien, and Messrs. DeLacy, McDermot, Lynch were "drafted from Irish colleges," by Dr. Mullock, to form the nucleus of the ecclesiastical department of his seminary that they might "learn ecclesiastical computation, and be instructed in sacred scripture, ecclesiastical works, the homilies of the saints, the manner of administering the sacraments," &c.? If "the establishment of a seminary, in the strict sense, has not yet gladdened the eyes of the faithful," where did they get Fathers Scott and Conway acquire that vast amount of theological learning they expound so eloquently from the pulpits of St. John's and Boston churches? Where did they get that training which enables them to administer the sacraments so liturgically, and engage so zealously in ecclesiastical works?

The road from Briggs to Salmon Cove being in a bad state just now, the conductor of Coughlan's mail-coach is anxious to set out without delay in order to reach the station in time to overtake the train: so I must reluctantly close the "Dunciad" for the present, and, recommending its perusal to your readers, remain, Yours, &c., KENELM. Briggs, March 9, 1888.

*The copper coinage since the introduction of the decimal system here has obtained its full value.

AN OATMEAL ARGUMENT.

Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR,—As the topic of joining the Dominion of Canada, and the advisability of limiting our purchases of breadstuffs to one market are under discussion, probably the enclosed extract from a letter received by last mail from a Canadian miller may be of interest to some of our readers.

Yours truly, HARVEY & CO. St. John's, March 12, 1888.

"It is true that the oatmeal millers have formed an association and fixed prices on meal sold in Canada; but that does not affect the price on meal exported out of Canada, and as you do not belong to the Dominion, we can sell at any price we see fit. We did not think of this when making you the last quotation. We are limited to a very small output, about one-fifth of what we could make, and on all over that we have to pay the association 35 cents per barrel; so that we would save that in selling to you. We would make the price to you at 45 cents per barrel less than the association prices, and will also cut on the price of our flour lower than we are selling for here."

LOCAL VARIETIES.

A POINT match of curling will be played at the usual hours to-morrow, by members of the Micmac Club for the Wright Medal.

HIS EXCELLENCY and suite will attend the lecture at the Athenæum Hall to-night. Up to one o'clock to-day nearly all the reserved seat tickets were sold.

The Ballot Act will be debated in the basement of Queen's Road Chapel to-morrow (Tuesday) evening by the St. John's Mutual Improvement Association.

The following message has been received from Halifax by James Baird, Esq.:—"Sardinian arrived, all well. Newfoundland damaged; will sail about Thursday."

A HANDSOMELY executed toy bureau, embellished with scroll work, cut out of the solid wood with a fret-saw, and containing drawers, mirror, &c., has been shown to us by Printer Goodland; and is a testimony to the fact that the skill and craftsmanship of the "typo" can be displayed advantageously in other trades than his own.

THE "BURNING QUESTION."

'Moderate Drinker' Severely Criticised.

Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR,—I am strongly inclined to think that "Moderate Drinker," in last Wednesday's *Colonist* is no less a person than one of the representative "model men" of "Rumbottle Camp," and I am sure I am willing to compliment him on the very dignified moral position he claims, for himself and his patrons, in contrast with those immoral and roguish temperance people, who are always boasting of temperance, and "sporting the temperance flag," and at the same time, by their roguishness, "entangling poverty on others."

Now, sir, taking the men who deal in liquors, with their patrons—in their generality—I don't think the temperance people need be afraid to face the contrast. It is possible, I think, to get into better company than that of some who boast of temperance," but I think on God's earth it is not possible to get into worse company than that of the men who deal in "liquid fire," and whose liquor stores fairly fume with contamination and reek with vice and sensuality.

"See," says "Moderate Drinker," "what the *Acadian Recorder* says: In the penitentiary returns it shows that of those who entered that institution during the past year 107 were temperate men, 21 drunkards, and 24 abstainers." Very bad, indeed, as an argument and record of the traffic. It shews most clearly the utter fallacy, the ridiculousness of all that can possibly be said with regard to the impossible regulation of the impious traffic. In an aggregate of 152 persons 107 are temperance people—moderationists! Think of that you who talk of moderation, and you who claim morality and respectability in connection with a business that severs you from everything that is honorable and virtuous in connection with human character. 107 temperance people, 21 drunkards, in all 128 drinkers out of an aggregate of 152. And who can say that the 24 abstainers were not "dual-pledge" men, or that they did not belong to some Total Abstinence Society, bearing on their flags the best of mottoes, and making room in their principles for the largest possible accommodation for the freaks of men and the passions of nature. "Just think of that," says he, "and yet we are told all badness proceeds from rum." Well, a very large percentage of the evil, and poverty, and crime of this colony "PROCEEDS FROM RUM," and we are informed upon reliable authority that 90 per cent of the commitments to our penitentiary, and to some of our other public institutions results from the use of alcoholic liquors. But my friend seems to be a smatterer on the words of Holy Writ, and yet he does not seem to be even a tyro in the interpretation of scriptural phraseology. Says he, "Man must be temperate in all things." Must a man be temperate in lying, in swearing, in stealing, in covetousness, in blasphemy, in adultery? No! no! no! the scripture teaches nothing of the kind. Man must be "temperate in all things" that are good, and honest, and just; but with things that are bad he must have nothing to do; and from such a bad thing as alcoholic liquors—bad in its immediate use, bad in its vicious tendencies—evil, "only evil, and that continually," in its general influences upon mankind, he is imperatively bound by the law of God, by the law of morality and by the law of conscience, to totally abstain.

NO PEACE WITH RUM.

St. John's, March 9, 1888.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

THE catch of the Norway fishery up to Saturday last keeps pace with its former gains—to that date the quantity taken was 21,500,000, as compared with 14,000,000 to the same date of last year.

The sealing steamer *Neptune*, Captain Blandford, got clear of Catalina, a message to the firm states, on Saturday morning and by nine o'clock had reached Bird Island Cove. The ice was slack and there was some sea on.

The Newfoundland Agricultural Society have reduced their subscriptions to \$1.00 per annum, payable half-yearly in advance. They have also arranged to divide the Annual Exhibition into two parts, as these dates will show; viz: Stock Exhibition will be held on the 12th September, and Produce Exhibition on the 17th October, 1888, and a plunging match is under consideration. The prize list, now in hand, will shortly be published. At the regular meeting of the Society it has been arranged that papers shall be read on Agricultural subjects. Their next meeting is fixed for the 24th inst. at 12 o'clock (noon), in the British Hall.

BIRTH.
At 49, Quidi Vidi road, on Saturday, 10th inst., Mrs. A. McKinlay, of a daughter.

DIED.
At Freshwater, Bay-de-Verde district, after a long and painful illness of consumption, Alma Bemister, aged 22 years.
On Sunday evening, Margaret, beloved wife of Mr. Michael Greenstone, aged 68 years, a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) from her late residence, New Gower street; friends and acquaintances will please attend.
At Tilt Cove, on July 27th, Gerald Michael Joseph, aged 6 months, youngest child of Garrett and Catherine Dalton.
Lost at sea, in the schooner "Margaret," Francis Burford, aged 38 years; leaving a wife to mourn his sad loss.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.
March 7—Grover Cleveland, Boland, Boston, 12 days, Clift, Wood & Co—275 bris, 20 half-bris pork, 50 bris beef, 20 pkgs lard, 20 bris oil, 12 bris candles, general cargo. Dawn, Morrissett, Boston, 12 days, M Tobin—100 bris oil, 310 bris tar, 10 bris pitch, 10 bxs candles, 25 bales hay, general cargo.
CLEARED.
March 5—Newfoundland, Mylius, Halifax, Shea & Co—20 bris herring, 1 qr-cask wine, 3 casks cod liver oil.
LOADING.
March 1—Bella Rossa, Europe, A Goodridge & Sons. 3—Beltruss, Brazil, W Grievé & Co.