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THE SENATE AND THE TREATY.
Hicks-Beach Elected for Bristol.
CHAMBERLAIN'S FRIENDS JUBILANT
Snow Storms in England and France

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 21.

The American Senate read the Fisheries treaty yesterday in secret session. The Senate's rules forbid the publication of the treaty. Sir Hicks-Beach has been elected for Bristol without opposition. Chamberlain's friends are delighted with the Fisheries Treaty. Snow-storms in England and France obstruct the trains.

FROM CAPE RACE.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CAPE RACE, This Evening.

Wind southwest, blowing a fresh breeze and weather fine and clear. A brigantine is now off the Cape, bound west.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction—fancy goods.....J. B. Curran & Co
Shirts, clothing, suits, etc.—cheap.....C. Macpherson
Dories—Gloucester model.....William Campbell
Fresh butter, turkeys, sausages, etc.....Geo. E. Bearns
Dwelling house for sale.....C. B. Rankin
Business notice.....James Croke
Black mare for sale.....apply at this office
Wanted—a plain cook.....apply at Clydesdale cottage

BUSINESS NOTICE:
The undersigned has to inform the Public that he has opened a **BLACKSMITH'S FORGE**, at Pleasantia, where he is prepared to execute all orders with satisfaction and dispatch, for all kinds of ship work, carriage repairs, horse-shoeing, etc. Special attention paid to banking requirements.
JAMES CROKE.
feb21,fl

Preserve your precious eyesight from the effects of sun and snow, by procuring a pair of Smoked or Colored Glasses, at
N. OHMAN'S, Atlantic Hotel Building.
feb20,fp

"JUSTICE"
is the name of a New Soap, which is put up in bars weighing 16 ozs. full weight. It is the only wrapped soap on the market that is perfumed and weighs a pound. It is warranted perfectly pure, and will heal sore hands, as it contains a large proportion of glycerine. It is the best soap in the world for all cleansing purposes—laundry, toilet or bath. Ask your grocer for it.
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TAKE NOTICE:
ALL PERSONS WANTING COALS for winter use can be supplied with the best North Sydney or English Household Coal, from the People's Depot at Brookings, at the rate of TWENTY-FOUR SHILLINGS (24s.) per ton, sent home promptly for cash on delivery.

AUCTION SALES.

GRAND CLEARING SALE.

To-morrow, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, AT THE SHOP OF
MR. T. J. MURPHY,
(232 Water Street.)

We will sell the following Goods:
A LARGE ASSORTMENT CARRIAGE BOLTS, brasses and bits, mortice chisels—assorted sizes, table bells, 1 part bri pegs, lot fire works, stew pans, zinc points—assorted lengths, acorn bolts, butt hinges, brass awls, cupboard locks, lemon squeezers, skimmers, stationery, hay forks, brushes, lamps, &c., &c.
feb21 JOHN B. CURRAN & Co., Auctioneers.

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), situated on the South Side of Duckworth Street, adjoining the residence of J. R. Collins, and yielding a yearly rental of \$200. Supplied with water, sewerage and gas-fittings. This dwelling house being a part of the Estate of the late John Collins, is ordered to be sold by request of Legatees. All particulars on application to
JAS. J. COLLINS, Notary Public
Office: 348 Duckworth St. and Real Estate Broker, opp. Fishermen & Sailors' Home.
feb14,fp or, JAMES R. COLLINS, Executor, 130 Duckworth Street.

GREAT SALE OF DRY GOODS,
Groceries, Fancy Goods and Earthenware, by Public Auction.

HAVING RECEIVED INSTRUCTION FROM the Executors of the estate of the late James McKay, to dispose of all the stock in trade belonging to the business carried on by the said late James McKay, deceased, in that shop and premises situate corner of Water Street West and Springdale Street, I will offer for sale at public auction, on the premises, on Wednesday next, commencing at 11 o'clock, all the stock in trade, consisting of Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Earthenware, &c., &c. Purchasers are requested to take delivery of their goods immediately after sale.
feb20 T. W. SPRY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION SALES.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

On THURSDAY next, at 12 o'clock, ON
HEARN & Co's PREMISES,
HUNTER'S COVE,
150 bris Prime Mess Pork.
feb20 JOHN T. GILLARD, Auctioneer.

The Annual Festival

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

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

Just Received,

per "Portia" from New York, and for sale by

HEARN & Co.

350 Barrels New Mess PORK. [King's
100 Barrels Family Mess PORK, 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.
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NOTICE to Owners of BANKERS AND OTHERS.

THE SUBSCRIBER OFFERS FOR SALE OR

(Fee-Simple) **Waterside Premises,**
at Old Parlican; frontage 102 feet, with a good Beach and a Large Store on the same, and the adjoining inclosed Land running in the rear 450 feet; also, a few Lots of Land within a short distance of the above-mentioned property. The whole will be Sold or Let in one or more lots, to suit purchasers. For diagram, and any other particulars, apply to
THOMAS D. COLLINS,
29 Cook's Town.
feb18,2w,61fp

TO BE LET.
(With immediate possession.)

That comfortable & convenient **BRICK DWELLING HOUSE,**

No 2 **TASKER TERRACE**, recently tenanted by the French Consul, Monsieur C. des Isles.
Also, with possession on 1st May next,
THE COMPACT DWELLING HOUSE,
in brick building, corner Duckworth Street and Beck's Cove, over the shop of Messrs. Fullerton & Mott, recently occupied by D. Patrick, Esq. For terms, etc., apply to
feb10,fp JAMES MURRAY.

TURKEYS.

For Sale by Jas. & Wm. Pitts,
1 CASE TURKEYS,

Weight from 8 to 12 lbs., very prime, ex steamer
feb8,fp "Newfoundland."

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 \$6 10s. per ton, at BROOKING'S.
feb9,fp

JAMES MURRAY.

FOR SALE,
That commodious
Dwelling House,

Now occupied by Mrs. SALTER, Military Road (nearly opposite the Colonial Building), containing six Bed-rooms, Drawing-room, 2 Parlors—both handsomely frescoed, and Breakfast Room, two Kitchens (one concrete), two Cellars, and Back Yard.
The house is built on land leased for 999 years, at a small annual rent, and is supplied with water, gas, bells throughout, closets, and every convenience calculated to make it a very desirable residence. For particulars, apply to
WALTER CLOUSTON,
MRS. T. SALTER.
dec29,fp

50 tubs Selected Townships FRESH
100 tubs Selected Kamouraska CANADA.
100 tubs Choice Morrisburg BUTTER.
of exquisite flavor, for sale by
jan24 JAMES MURRAY

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AT LOW PRICES.

Sample Shirts and Ready-made Clothing,
DIAGONAL AND TWEED SUITS.

C. MACPHERSON

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DORIES! :: DORIES!

On Sale by Wm. Campbell,
25 DORIES

THESE DORIES ARE BUILT FROM THE "GLOUCESTER" MODEL. SPECIAL CARE HAS BEEN taken in the selection of the lumber and workmanship, and we confidently recommend them as being equal to any imported Dory.
feb21

AT GEO. E. BEARNS'

Fresh Butter, at 30-cents per pound,

—TOGETHER WITH—
Fresh Turkeys, Halifax Sausages, Bologna Sausages, Hams, Bacon,
FROZEN CODFISH AND HERRING.
feb21

CHEAP - JAMS - AT - PARNELL'S.

PLUM JAM	15 cents per lb.
RASPBERRY JAM	18 cents per lb.
STRAWBERRY JAM	18 cents per lb.
MARMALADE	12 cents per lb.
JAMS IN 1-lb. TINS	17 cents each.
PRUNES, FOR STEWING	10 cents per lb.

F. PARNELL,
131 WATER STREET.
february20,fp

LIGHT AND STRONG COD SEINES.

WE OFFER a 12-thread Cod-seine Twine, one fourth LIGHTER than 15-thread, EQUALLY AS STRONG for Cod-Seines. LIGHTNESS IS PROFIT. Our best judgment endorses this Seine.

WILLIAM STOWE, President,
Gloucester Net and Twine Company.
BOSTON OFFICE: 94 Commercial Street. feb17,1ts,2wfp

CANADIAN LAMB.

JAS. & WM. PITTS,
JUST RECEIVED, PER S.S. "NEWFOUNDLAND," AND FOR SALE BY

CHOICE CANADIAN LAMB

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.

500 BARRELS EACH OF THESE FAVORITE BRANDS 200 SACKS

Superior Ex. Flour, Extra Quality Picked Indian Corn.
FOR SALE BY
JAS. MURRAY, feb9,fp
The real thing for fattening stock of all kinds. AT BROOKING'S.
JAS. MURRAY, feb9,fp

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Just Received,

AYRE & SONS

50 Tubs Choice Selected
CANADA BUTTER.
feb20,31fp

FOR SALE,

DWELLING HOUSE,

A Comfortable
Corner of Cochrane & Gower Streets, with about 19 Feet of Land fronting on Cochrane Street. Unexpired lease 61 years. Apply to
C. B. RANKIN,
Estate Broker, McBride's Hill.
feb21,2w,t,fp

North Sydney Coal

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

S. MARCH & SONS,

One Hundred Tons
NORTH SYDNEY COAL
Old mines, coarse and dry. Sent home at
feb18,8,10,th Lowest Market Rates.

FOR SALE,

By HEARN & Co.'s,

100 Brs. White Sugar,
50 Brs. Cut Loaf Sugar,
JUST RECEIVED PER "PORTIA."
feb9,61fp,eod

Prime Fat Beef, Hay, &c.

Now landing, ex "Mary E. Bliss," from Halifax, and for sale by

JAS. & WM. PITTS,

897 bales Prime Hay,
72 qtrs Prime Fresh Beef,
2 casks Prime Fresh Beef,
1 car. Prime Fresh Pork,
317 pieces Deal, 4 bris Corned Beef.
feb20,fp

AYRSHIRE ROSE.

Just received ex "Ariel," via New York,

625 bris Family FLOUR, Ayrshire Rose,
250 BRIS FAMILY FLOUR, Zeta.

ROTHWELL & BOWRING

feb16,31fp,eod

Flour .. Flour.

Just Received, per "Portia,"

NEW YORK FLOURS.
500 barrels Choice Supers,
500 barrels Choice Extra 2,
250 barrels Choice Extra 1.
feb9,61fp,eod

Fresh Fish

JUST IN TIME FOR LENT!

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

FOR SALE,

A Black Mare,

(well known), suitable for any work. Apply at this office.
feb21,61

WANTED:
By a gentleman—THREE UNFURNISHED ROOMS, with board and attendance. Address—P. O. Box, 544.
feb18,fp

WANTED:
A PLAIN COOK, Apply at "Clydesdale Cottage."
feb21,31fp

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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, Dockworth Street. Agent Thomas Cook & Son.
Post Office address, Box 572. feb6,1m,31p

Great Bargains in Blankets & Calicoes,

AT
WILLIAM FREW'S, 191 WATER STREET.

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

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

january18

Drink the Health-Giving Waters!

FOR SALE AT FORAN'S, ATLANTIC HOTEL.

Mineral Waters: from the Chalybeate Springs.
A Genuine Blood Purifier. A certain and perfect cure for Dyspepsia, Nervousness and Debility.
dec21,3m

The Newfoundland Consolidated Foundry Co., Limited,

—Beg to acquaint the public that they have now on hand a variety of—
Patterns for Grave & Garden Railings, & for Cresting of Houses,
and would invite inspection of same.

Orders left with us for either of the above will have our immediate attention.
januel **J. ANGEL, Manager.**

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

Candles, Candles

ON SALE BY
CLIFT, WOOD & CO.,
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
dec27 **W. W. SPRY, Real Estate Broker.**

GOOD STORIES!

Ben-Hur by Lew Wallace
Hope Campbell by C. D. Bell
Mary Elliot by C. D. Bell
Kenneth & Hugh by E. Wetherall
The House in Town by E. Wetherall
Fine Needles by E. Wetherall
Little Camp on Eagle Hill by E. Wetherall
Little Women by Louisa M. Alcott
Little Wives by Louisa M. Alcott
The Gold of Chicaco. by S. & A. Warner
Nelle's Mission by Alice Gray
Holden with the Cards by W. M. L. Jay
The Old Helmet by the author of Queechy
Diary by Susan Warner
nov8 **J. F. CHISHOLM.**

EGGS!

Ex s.s. "Bonavista,"
180 doz. P. E. I. Eggs.
dec16 **CLIFT, WOOD & CO.**

Xmas Numbers and New Books.

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

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ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 21, 1888.

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

SHOCKING OCCURRENCE IN A DUBLIN MUSIC HALL.

Lady Lion Tamer Bitten by a Lion.

LAST evening a painful sensation was caused by an alarming occurrence in Mr. Dan Lowrey's Star Music Hall, Dublin, when Mademoiselle Senide, the lady lion tamer, was bitten by one of her animals, and sustained very severe injuries in the face and neck. Mademoiselle Senide, who for some weeks past has been carrying on an engagement in Mr. Lowrey's Music Hall in exhibiting her troupe of wild animals, had taken her benefit last evening. One of the feats she was in the habit of undertaking was one common enough among daring performers of her class—namely placing her head within the mouth of one of her lions, and retaining it there for some time. She had hitherto accomplished the feat without accident and got through it successfully during her performance last night. However, when the entertainment was over, and the audience gone, a photographer from Mr. Robinson's was in attendance to take views of the daring artiste in her most thrilling performances. He took two photographs of Mademoiselle Senide along with her lions, and the third view was to consist of the lady lion-tamer in a cage with her head in the lion's mouth. It required a considerable time to arrange the preliminaries, and the lion, it appears, grew impatient under the delay. Meanwhile Mademoiselle Senide was holding her head in the animal's mouth in the manner which she was in the habit of appearing before the audience. When the photographer turned on the magnesium light used in the process the flash startled the animal, and he closed his mouth suddenly on the unfortunate artiste's head. For some seconds his massive jaws remained closed on her neck, till her manager, Mr. Carlbeckmann, a German, rushed into the cage and beat off the lion. The injured woman fainted away, and, with her neck streaming with blood, was taken from the cage. A messenger was sent for medical aid, and an assistant of Dr. Cahill, of Dame Street, was immediately in attendance. It was found that one of the immense tusks of the brute had been buried in his tamer's neck, and that her breast was severely injured by a scratch from the claws of the lion, which tore away the flesh. Mademoiselle Senide was placed in a cab, and at once conveyed to her residence, 49 Great Brunswick Street. Five stitches had to be placed in her cheeks. The operation was extremely painful, and the victim of the accident is much prostrated by the shock to her nerves which the sudden bite of the lion caused. However, she is not regarded as being in any serious danger. The lion appeared impatient under the operation of being photographed, but still his action is not regarded as being a hostile attack on his keeper. But for the presence of mind displayed by Mr. Beckmann in rushing to the assistance of Madlle. Senide the result might have been fatal. The lion is stated to have been very tame, and to have shown no insubordination previous to last night. The effect of the occurrence will be to stop the performance of Madlle Senide in Dublin.

The situation in Sikkim continues to be strained. The Rajah, it is true, has returned from Tibet, but he is residing at some distance from his capital of Tamlong, and is said to be surrounded by Tibetans, whose intrigues cause much jealousy among his own subjects. Meanwhile, the Tibetan force which entered Sikkim more than a year ago continues to occupy the fort which they built at Lingtu, on the road from Darjeeling to the Jelapla Pass. As this aggression on and interference with a feudatory State cannot be tolerated, representations have been sent to the Chinese Government, urging it to direct the Tibetans to withdraw from Sikkim and abstain from meddling with its affairs.

BILL NYE AND THE BARBER.

He Goes to Have His One Hair Trimmed and Encounters Misfortune.

New York World.

TO-DAY I got shaved at a barber-shop, where I begged the operator to kill me and put me out of my misery.

I have been accustomed to gentle care and thoughtfulness at home and my barber handles me with the utmost tenderness. I was, therefore, poorly prepared to meet the man who this morning filled my soul with woe.

I know that I have not deserved this, for while others have berated the poor barber and swore about his bad breath and never-ending clatter and his general heartlessness, I have never said anything that was not filled with child-like trust and hearty good-will toward him.

I have called the attention of the public to the fact that sometimes customers had bad breath and were restless and mean while being operated on, and then when they are all fixed up nicely they put their hats on and light a cigar and hold up their fingers to the weary barber and tell him that they will see him more subsequently.

Now, however, I feel differently. This barber no doubt had never heard of me. He thought I was an ordinary plug, who didn't know anything about luxury.

I shall mark a copy of this paper and send it to him. Then while he is reading it I will step up behind him with a pick-handle and kill him. I want him to be reading this when I kill him, because it will assist the Coroner in arriving at the immediate cause of his death. The first whiff I took of this man's breath I knew he was rum's maniac.

He had the Jim Jams in an advance stage. Now, I don't object to being shaved by a barber who is socially drunk, but when the mad glitter of the mania is in his eye, and I can see that he is debating the question of whether he will cut my head off and let it drop over the back of the chair or choke me to death with a lather-brush, it makes me nervous and fidgety. He honed his razor on his breath, in fact.

This man made up his mind three times that he would kill me, and some one came in just in time to save me.

His chair was near a window, and there was a hole in the blind, so that when he was shaving the off side of my face he would turn my head over in such a position that I could look up into the middle of the sun. My attention had never before been called to the appearance of the sun as it looks to the naked eye, and I was a good deal surprised.

The more I looked into the very center of the great orb of day the more I was filled with wonder at the might and power that could create it. I began to pine for death immediately, so that I could be far away among the heavenly bodies, and in a land where no barber with the delirium triangles can ever enter.

This barber held my head down so that the sun could shine into my darkened understanding, until I felt that my brain had melted and was floating around and swishing about in my skull like warm butter.

His hand was very unsteady, too. I lost faith in him on the start, when he cut off a mole under my chin and threw it in the cuspidore. I did not care especially for the mole, and did not need it much, but at the same time I had not decided to take it off till the weather got warmer. In fact, I had worn it so long that I had become attached to it. It had also become attached to me. That is why I could not restrain my tears when the barber cut it off, and then stepped back to the other end of the room to see how I looked without it.

BILL NYE AT LARGE.

STORMS AND STEEL RAILS.

How Rain Appears to Follow the Laying of Railroad Tracks.

THE SAFETY VALVE.

A SINGULAR theory has been promulgated in Mexico concerning an alleged relation between the steel rails of railroads and the prevalence of storms. The northern section of the Mexican Central road has been seriously damaged by washouts, and people who observed the phenomena express the opinion that the water-spouts which burst on the track were attracted by the rails and the telegraph wires. An electric current, they say, runs along the track, which makes a convenient avenue for storms. This would appear to be a somewhat fanciful conjecture, but the engineers employed in building the Guadalajara branch of the Mexican Central Railroad offer testimony which gives it at least an air of plausibility. They state that as fast as the construction advances rain follows, and they believe it is due to the large quantity of steel rails on flat cars which are carried forward as fast as the work permits. The country, according to their report, is dry in advance of the construction trains, and also behind them for many miles, but in a circle of a few miles in diameter, having its centre at the point where the steel rails are, the rain comes down in torrents.

It appears that enough importance is attached to these theories to induce scientific men to make them a subject of study. We do not, however, anticipate any immediate practical results of great value. With all the skill and knowledge which the Government can bring to bear, it has not yet succeeded even in predicting storms with such certainty as would be desirable, and when it comes to producing or preventing them we shall probably have to wait some time before the matter assumes the character of an exact science.

MAGAZINES AND NEW BOOKS.

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

Butter :- Butter.

Now landing, ex s.s. "Newfoundland,"
50 tubs choice

CREAMERY :- BUTTER,

A choice article.
feb17 **P. & L. TESSIER.**

ON SALE BY

P. & L. Tessier

50 barrels

LONDON CEMENT,

\$3.20 per brl.
feb17

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

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, 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.**

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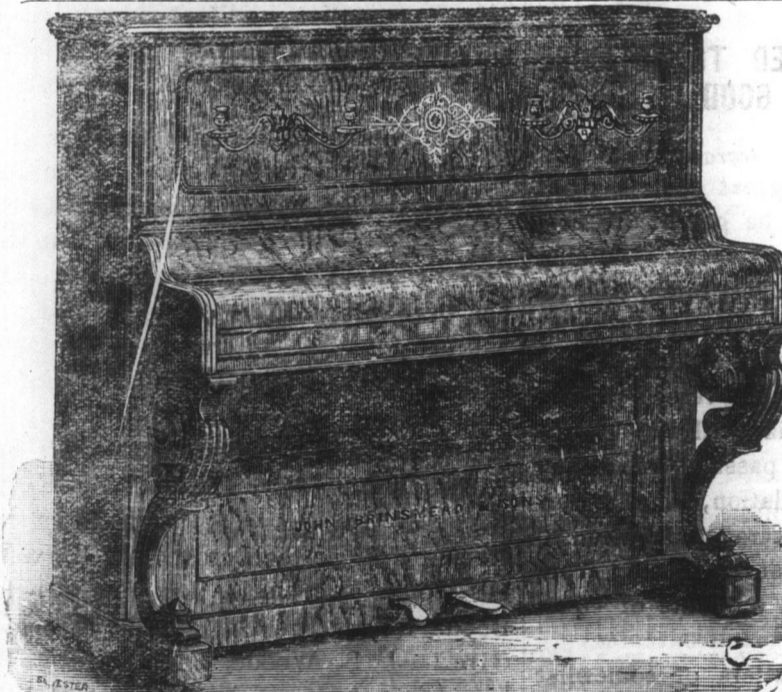
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ADELAIDE CAMERON'S "SHADOW LOVE."

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CHAPTER XLIII.

(Continued.)

'Should she tell them she was there for no other purpose than to read the will? Should she clear herself and tell them how Lord Rylestone's wife had stopped to intrigue and deceit to recover Lord Rylestone's gold? Should she tell them to fetch Miss Cameron, and then, when the girl who preferred honor even to love, stood before her, should she tell who she was, what she had done, and why she had done it?'

She shrank back with a shuddering cry; she could not look into Miss Cameron's fair pure face and tell her sorrow; she thought to herself that even if she did she would not believe her. She would send to Lord Rylestone and ask him if the woman whom she believed to be a thief was indeed as she proclaimed herself to be, his wife.

No; she had injured Allan enough—she had done him harm enough—she had deprived him of a noble fortune and a high-born lovely wife. She would not disgrace him. They might suspect her of theft, if they would, they might accuse her, and do as they would with her, but she would never clear herself by using his name. Perhaps she might be thrown into prison and there die. Let it be so: death—her death—would clear a way for him to fortune.

Like a flash of light, the evil of what she had done came to her. She had thought of heroism—she knew it was dishonor.

'Let me reap as I have sown—let me suffer for my sins,' she said, and, still crouching before those witnesses, she vowed to herself that she would not clear herself by so much as one word. It was the very insanity of despair—the very madness of self-abnegation.

'Thank Heaven she is found out!' said Mrs. Grame. 'I knew from the first that she was no good, and I hated to see my young lady imposed on, sir,' she continued, turning to Mr. Beale. 'I have had it on my mind some time to tell you. This woman came here in disguise months ago—came to peer about the place and lay her plans. I knew her again when I saw her with Miss Cameron. Ask her if she can deny that she came here under the false pretense of wishing to see the place.'

'Do you deny this?' asked Mr. Beale. He never forgot the awful pallor of the face raised to his.

'I do not deny it,' she replied. 'Because she cannot,' said Mrs. Grame. 'I tell you, sir, she came here for a bad purpose; she knows it—she does not offer to deny it. The night before last she tried to get my lady's keys, but I baffled her—last night for a time she baffled me. I am quite sure that she came here to steal my lady's jewels—see, she has them.'

Margarita raised her head with a sudden passion that almost startled them. Should they call her thief? A hot flush crimsoned her face—indignant words of denial sprang to her lips, and then she sunk back with a low cry. Let them say what they would, she would not disgrace Allan by saying that she was his wife.

'I did not come here to steal,' she said, slowly. 'I do not deny that I came into the house for a purpose of my own. It was not to steal. I am not a thief.'

'If you had no wish to steal,' asked Mr. Beale, 'why have you obtained possession of Miss Cameron's keys—why have you opened the safe? What are you doing here at this hour of the night with these bank-notes and all this gold about you?'

'I never intended to take them,' she said, wearily. 'That is a lame story. Where a person is caught in the very act of crime such a defense is useless. If you did not intend to take them, why did you open the safe?'

He saw the indignant flush die from her face, and the startled horror return.

'Answer me,' he said. 'If you did not want the jewels, why have you come down like a thief in the night to the safe?'

'I have nothing to say,' she moaned—'I have no answer to give.'

'Look at her,' cried Mrs. Grame—'see how she is dressed, so that no one could see or hear her. I have baffled her. I knew she was after my lady's keys; I knew she would get them, and would watch and wait until the house was all silent. So did I. I watched

her. When she crept down here, I crept after her; when she thought she had locked the library door, I looked in, and saw her at the safe. While she emptied it I fetched you, sir. Mercy or pity in her case would be out of place, sir.'

'Have I ever done you any harm?' asked Margarita, raising her despairing face.

'Yes, you have,' was the reply; 'you duped me—you made me the victim of your fraud. In one fashion you made me betray my trust; you coaxed me into taking you round the house of which I had charge. I wish I had been dumb before I said one half to you that I said that day.'

'You are pitiless,' said Margarita. 'Yes, to such as you—you who have stolen into the house, and have deceived my mistress—you, who have won her confidence only to injure her—you, who would steal her money and her jewels if you could. I am pitiless to such as you, who plan and maneuver and deceive.'

'Let me see Miss Cameron,' said Margarita. 'No,' refused Mr. Beale; 'you shall not see her. You have deceived her quite enough—you shall not impose on her again. I take it upon myself to refuse you all access to Miss Cameron. I shall give you in charge for attempting a robbery. Mrs. Grame, we will not have these things touched; we will have a detective here the first thing in the morning, and he shall see for himself.'

She made no effort to stop them as they went out of the room. She asked for no pity, no compassion, no mercy, as they passed out. She fell with her face on the ground, and lay there motionless and still.

Has she fainted? asked Mr. Beale. 'Not wishing to be too hard upon her, I should say, sir, it does not matter whether she has or not, after using my mistress so.'

'But we must have common humanity,' observed Mr. Beale; and he went back to Margarita. 'I—I hope you are not ill?' he said.

She did not raise her face. 'I wish I were dead,' she replied—'I wish I were dead!'

'Come away, sir,' requested Mrs. Grame, 'this woman can act any part; and they went, leaving her to her despair.'

Through the remsing hours of the night she lay crouching there, fighting over and over again the battle in her own mind. Should she own who she was? Should she tell all to Miss Cameron, or should she let them punish her as they would?

'They would not believe me,' she said to herself. 'Let the worst come, I will not hold up my finger to save myself.'

All the jealousy, the bitterness, that had laid dormant in her heart rose into active life now; and with it there came sullen defiance—angry gloom.

'They may say what they will—do as they will—but I will utter no word.'

Meanwhile Mr. Beale and Mrs. Grame discussed what, under all circumstances, it was best to do.

'Don't you go near my lady, sir,' said the housekeeper; 'she is young, and easily imposed upon. She would be for letting this woman go free. It would not be just. She would let her go, and say nothing. She must be punished. Take my advice, sir—lock the door, and send Gregson off early in the morning and give her in charge.'

'She is so young,' observed Mr. Beale, hesitatingly, 'and so beautiful.'

'Ah,' rejoined the housekeeper, 'that is, if she had a plain face she would be punished for her sin; having a pretty one, she goes free. That is a man's idea of justice.'

'Nay,' said Mr. Beale, 'I do not think she ought to be spared. I have no thought of sparing her. It is false mercy to let a crime like hers go unpunished. But I am sorry for her, as I said before. She is young—and beautiful.'

'So is the mistress she would have robbed,' observed Mrs. Grame; 'and I love my mistress best. I should have little pity on any one who would injure her.'

'The housekeeper's advice was taken; the library-door was locked, and early in the cold bleak dawn of the September morning Mr. Beale sent to Lutdale for a detective.'

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It was now quite light when Mr. Beale opened the library-door, and showed the detective into the room. He was a hard-faced man, who had grown callous and indifferent, because for long years he had seen only the worst side of life; but even he, accustomed as he was to sin and misery of all kind, looked with something like compassion on the prostrate figure of the beautiful woman.

(To be continued.)

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The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 21, 1888.

WHEN THE BATTLE BEGINS.

A Lively Debate Anticipated.

The House met at 3.30 p.m. to-day, and the Committee appointed for the purpose reported a draft address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. It was read a first and second time, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, after which the House adjourned.

To-morrow the battle will begin in earnest, and then the Opposition will be heard for the first time this session. Doubtless a lively debate may be anticipated, and tickets for "seats upon the floor" will be in demand. Admission to the upper gallery will be free, as heretofore, and we understand that an inducement to ladies to attend will be held out by reserving for their use a portion of those seats under the gallery, technically called "the floor of the House," in which the representatives of the press are installed when present.

It seems quite probable, then, that the session will be a very interesting one in various ways. Of course the presence of ladies—if they could only be induced to honor our legislative halls by attending some of the sittings—would have a mollifying effect on the tone of the Assembly, and, better still, it would, perhaps, make some of the "Conscript Fathers" a little more particular with respect to their attire as well as their conduct generally. At any rate, they would hardly care to sleep in presence of the ladies, or put in an appearance at all when out of temper or too much under the influence of their favorite beverage.

Since we went to press yesterday letters bearing additional testimony as to the unpopularity of the Government have come into our hands. In all the districts, north and west, the popular feeling against Premier Thorburn and his Executive associates has been greatly intensified since the close of last year's session, and it is safe to say that, if an appeal were made to the country to-morrow, the present governing party would not come back with a corporal's guard.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY NOTES.

The "Rupert of Debate" in a New Role.

EASY WAY TO "RAISE THE WIND."

The House met yesterday at 4 o'clock p.m. and, without doing any business, the Speaker, after taking his chair, adjourned the sitting until this evening at the same hour, for the want of a quorum. This was done to oblige the brilliant "Rupert of Debate"—the gentlemanly, scholarly and diplomatic A. F. Goodridge—and a few others on the Government benches, who wanted to close their mail for the Newfoundland. The four Opposition members were at the post of duty, and sat grim and silent, and in anxious expectation for the session's fight. Captain Duff, who presides over the "stormy myrmidons" of the gallery, raised the command of "order" high above the clatter and noise of the heavy-booted democracy, who clambered over the benches of their time-honored resort. Louder and more angry were the tones of the deep-chested hero of the "bloody pans," one of the last and oldest of our one time numerous seal killers, Captain John Hally, who now, in his old age, "keeps watch and ward" over the door leading to the Assembly floor. "Stand back there," he cried; "Do you think it's a seal's 'fo'castle you're in?" The crowd of men outside was large and the denunciation of Speaker McNeilly, who introduced the ticket system, was at once both fierce and just. It is not at all just that class distinctions should be drawn in the House of Assembly, and that the poor man should have a seat in one part of the House, while his fellow-citizen who may have a little more wealth than him, should have a cushioned and luxurious seat in another part of the House. All men are alike and equal in the eyes of the law; but it required the Thorburn administration and Speaker McNeilly to introduce a system of admission to the House of Assembly in contravention of this long established maxim of the English constitution. Perhaps this inroad on the usages of our parliament may be shortly followed with a breach of the privileges of the House and that, as a means of making up the shortage in our revenue Mr. Speaker McNeilly will issue an ukase charging an admission fee. A government can pass what laws they please regarding parliament or any other institution, and the Thorburn Government, having done so many foolish things in the past, may do this in the near future. Just imagine an exciting debate on to-morrow. Subject—"Prohibition"; McNeilly to speak against it, after which there will be a farce, by Mr. Carty, the member for St. George's, attacking Mr. Morine. Admission 50 cents; children half price. Don't fail to come! Then, instead of the debates, we would have a column or two in the government organ explaining the noble patriotism of the government gladiators who wretched in the "political arena" the night before. If this plan were brought forward at a "party-meeting," and a promise of benefit nights at the close of the session, made to the needy members of the Government, no doubt a majority vote might be secured. But a truce to this jesting. There is no act of Mr. McNeilly's political life, outside of the few attempts that he made from time to time to suppress or curtail the freedom of the press, that has brought him so much into ridicule and public contempt as this last despotic act with reference to tickets for admission to the Assembly. It is no doubt a pleasant pastime for a business man who is desirous of getting admitted to hear the debates on the policy and politics of his country, to go chasing a member of the Assembly around all day for the purpose of securing a ticket. They scarcely have the time to spare. If the object of the Government, in this ticket business, be to pack the House with their own supporters, however unjust it would be, we would be inclined to forgive them, for then there would be a shadow of reason for their insane conduct. This, up to the present, has not been assigned as a reason. Mr. McNeilly will be doing queer things, and the public must draw from some quarter a supply of merriment, and the Speaker has furnished them with all they may require for a time.

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PROMISES THEY DID NOT INTEND TO REDEEM.

Petty Acts of Political Tyranny.

DEAR SIR,—These were two of the principal planks in the platform of the Reform Party and immediately succeeding that now notorious tissue-paper plank—"No Amalgamation with the so-called Liberal Party." How anxiously have we waited, and with what eager eyes have we scanned the political horizon, endeavoring to peer through the gloom to behold the fulfilment of either the one or the other of these promises. But, alas! the horizon has become so obscured by reason of the political turpitude of those who now wield the sceptre, that one must be gifted with supernatural powers of vision to discern through the "blackness of darkness" the least sign of either "retrenchment" or "reformation" in any act or department of the present Government.

If by retrenchment was meant a curtailing of public expenses, I fail to recognize a single instance where it has been applied. Do not departmental officers and Government officials generally still receive the same enormous salaries? Is not the same reckless extravagance continued, for which this Government, ever since its inception, has been characterized? Do you call it retrenchment to pay a man for sporting about the city of Washington, posing as the Newfoundland representative at the Fishery Commission, but mute, as he himself asserts, with "sealed lips." When, by-and-by, the Hon. J. S. Winter unrolls his long list of expenses and submits the same to the Government for immediate payment, and the poor starving fishermen of this country have got to foot the bill, I will then ask, is this retrenchment?

How have such astounding figures been set down as expenses, and how incurred? asks some one. Why, simply by living in the highest style and moving in the most fashionable circles to be found in the capital of the United States. Expenses occasioned by holiday trips to Canada, &c. Expenses in the shape of a fabulous salary as Attorney General for Newfoundland. Add to this the payment of an Acting Attorney General occupying the triple position of Speaker, Solicitor General and Acting Attorney General, drawing the salaries attached to each of the three offices, to say nothing of all the fat pickings.

Mr. Editor, is this "Retrenchment?" Alas! poor Terra Nova! Oh! for a saviour to deliver us from money-grabbers and spendthrifts, who are fast depleting our treasury. Was it "retrenchment," when last winter the Government scattered broadcast, in this and other districts, provisions of all kinds, and even tobacco, many recipients of the same being men with money in the Bank and having a balance to their credit with their merchant? for which "relief," as 'twas called, little or no returns were made.

But, sir, it has come at last! Retrenchment and Reform have visited us with a vengeance! But in what form? That poor, helpless, starving widows and orphans, aged and crippled men and women, have had the miserable pittance hitherto allowed them by Government suddenly stopped. The small allowance which has been for years granted these poor and wretched people is now at this season of the year, by order of the Government, withheld. Can any act of tyranny and oppression be more cruel?

About the end of November the Government sent a police officer, Sergeant O'Reilly, through this and adjacent settlements, who, without due enquiry, or without interviewing the people or knowing aught of their circumstances, indiscriminately struck their names off the poor list.

The consequence of this rash and inhuman act on the part of the Government, is that several families in this place are STARVING! This assertion is not made on mere "hearsay" evidence. The writer has visited the wretched abodes of the people referred to, and found destitution, misery, wretchedness, poverty—in a word—starvation, real and existing. (This is no cry, out of which to make "political capital," a compliment which your Prescott Street contemporary has been pleased to pay to writers who have disclosed the poverty of people residing in more northern parts of the island.) Mr. Editor, it is truly heart-rending to witness the distress and suffering. In some cases the small sum of \$4, in some cases \$6, per quarter, constituted the sole dependence of a widow and several small children.

I will give you a case in point—Widow Amelia Green, with four small children. The condition of this family is most wretched. The mother is crippled in her right arm. She has no means of support whatever. She, poor woman, remarked to me, with tears and sighs: "That relief is all my support, and if the Government keeps it from me, myself and children must starve." Another family,

Widow Rachael Green, and two small children, equally destitute; neither family had either flour, tea, or molasses. There are a number of orphans depending upon the charity of people who took them, on the death of their parents, entertaining the hope that, with the small amount received towards their support from the Government, they would manage to pull through and keep the poor children from perishing. That aid has now been taken from them. The guardians say: "We can't keep ourselves." These children have no parents living. Government will not assist to maintain them. What's to be done?

There are other instances—a few of which will suffice for the present. I must mention John Hindy, a poor cripple man—paralyzed—more than 70 years of age—is now informed that he is to receive no further aid from Government. In the next settlement to this, Turk's Cove, lives an old and infirm woman, a Mrs. Dean, whose age is over 80 years; also a very aged man named Patrick Moores, so crippled that two crutches supply his means of locomotion. In both these extreme cases the Government have erased their names from the poor list and stoutly refused to grant them further assistance. There are other cases which I shall draw your attention to later on, Mr. Editor. Let the Government call this "Retrenchment and Reformation" if they will; but the people of all classes and denominations term such conduct high-handed dealings, cruelty, injustice, oppression, wrong and robbery. Our members, or representatives, have been referred to and consulted in this matter, but say "they are unable to do anything in it. It is an order of the Government and cannot be revoked." Would the investigators of this measure turn their attention for a few moments to Exodus 22nd ch., 22nd, 23rd and 24th verses. Read there of the doom awaiting those who afflict the widow and fatherless. Mr. Editor, have these starving widows and fatherless children, these aged and crippled men and women, to yield up their Government mite to help pay for that \$8,000 Jubilee Ball held in the Colonial Building last summer? Some of us thought as much at the time. Oh! when will this reign of oppression and injustice have an end!

Yours very truly,
JUSTICE AND TRUTH.
Scilly Cove, T.B., Feb. 18, '88.

FROM OUR BURIN CORRESPONDENT.
He Dilates on the Coastal Boats,
AND THINKS ONE SHOULD BE NAMED "HUMB-BUG," THE OTHER "FRAUD."
Some Remarks About the Bait Act.

A MEASURE CALCULATED TO DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD.
DEAR SIR,—We see a great deal in print concerning the names to be given the new coastal mail boats. Why is there nothing mentioned regarding passenger, fares, &c., all of which is but a system of extortion as at present practised? On what waters of the civilized world will you find vessels taking freight and doing as they like with it?—charging twice the usual fare for passage, and giving no equivalent in accommodation,—nothing to eat with, or to lie on, in steerage, and often so in cabin, and getting a larger subsidy from Government than any boat or boats of equal size in America?

These, I think, are matters of somewhat more import than the name. Twaddle! "What's in a name?" If the coming boats are to be conducted on the same principle as the present, I would suggest that one be named "Humbug," the other "Fraud."

There is another matter now occupying considerable public attention, particularly on the southwest coast, which coast it only interests. That is, prohibition of the sale of bait to French fishermen. What is that for? It can't be to protect the little bait fishes, as they are well protected already, by a business manager something ahead of ours, being plentier at present than ever. By bait fishes I suppose is meant caplin, squid and herring. These fish require no laws to protect them; they multiply in numbers far beyond the means man can bring to bear in their destruction, and one good sized whale would and does destroy more caplin in a year than all the Frenchmen, guano factories and cabbage gardens of the coast.

If there were any sense in the report of the French fish being in our way in the markets, this very bill would serve to increase that difficulty by compelling shop-keepers and others at St. Pierre to go into banking for a living, and such is really the intention, twenty-seven (27) new vessels being added to the St. Pierre fleet this fall, of from 80 to 150 tons. Next year it is thought that about fifty (50) more will be added. The change of denomination of money to dollars and cents, and the reduction of foreign silver, no one seems to heed, these changes being quite in keeping with other proceedings of the present dishonest and bungling Government.

Yours truly,
BAIT FISHES.
Burin, Feb. 9, 1888.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

THE S.S. Hercules starts for Bay ports this evening and is getting full freights.

THERE will be no practice for the choir of Cochrane Street Methodist Church to-night.

WHAT medical man is assisting in the Hospital during the absence of the Hon. Doctor Crowdy?

THAT notable event of gay and happy circles—the Irish Ball—will take place on Tuesday of Easter week.

A DEBATE on the volunteer question takes place in the Academia this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

THE catch of the current Norwegian cod fishery to last Saturday, the 18th, is 7,000,000, as against 3,000,000 to the same date of last year's take.

CAPTAIN GUY takes charge of the Polynia to the ice this spring, and Captain Milne of the Esquimaux. These ships are now being outfitted on the South Side.

THE Legislative Council is shorn of some of its best debaters by the absence from the colony of the following members: Honorables Dr. Crowdy, A. W. Harvey, Captain Philip Cleary, John Syme, James McLoughlin. The number available to carry on the business of the Council is eight. The full number of members is fifteen according to law; the full number of incumbents at present is thirteen. The number necessary for a quorum is eight.

OLD fishing salts say to each other that "the backbone of the winter is broken." Why shouldn't it be broken when the swollers are getting to rights? Snow we shall have yet, and frost in abundance, but with the 1st of March spring begins in Newfoundland, so the sealers say. The farmers don't endorse this opinion. "Wait till you hear the whistle of the first blackbird," they will tell you, "on the 12th of April, six weeks afterwards, before you talk about spring; and for a month after that the spirit of ethereal mildness will be coy in making up her mind to stay for good—the horrible jade!"

THE House of Assembly yesterday—the first day of its assembling for the practical transaction of business—was counted out for the want of a quorum, a creditable way of attending to the business of the country. We are on the eve of spring, with the 1st of March close at hand, yet the debate proper on the address in reply hasn't yet begun. Formerly at this time, the Money Bills, Ways and Means, and Supply were either passed or very nearly so. Yet at this late period we find that the public business is backward from neglect or procrastination, and that many of the leading supporters of the Government, including the Premier, are absent from their posts.

THE Foreign Missionary Services in connection with the George Street Circuit of the Methodist Church, which commenced on Sunday last, will be continued to-night in George Street Church. A very interesting programme has been prepared, and the following topics will be spoken to, interspersed with anthems by the choir:—(1) "The Mission Field—Its Vast Extent"—Rev. J. Pratt. (2) "The Mission Field—Its Terrible Need"—Robert Barnes, Esq. (3) "The Macedonian Cry"—Rev. W. Graham. (4) "The Duty of the Home—Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest that He would send forth Laborers"—Rev. G. Boyd. (5) "The Duty of the Hour—Go or Give"—J. B. Woods, Esq. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a good gathering, as it is certain that not only will the speeches be a treat, but the singing of the choir, from the efforts made by its members, will be a rich feast of spiritual song.

RESCUE OF THE 'HUNTLEY'S' CREW.

Note of Thanks From Capt. Ashburne.
DEAR SIR,—I wish, through the columns of your widely-circulated paper, to thank Captain W. Jeans, of the steamer Oxford, and his mate, Mr. Burrell, for their extreme kindness and untiring attention to myself and crew, of the schr. D. A. Huntley. Captain Jeans saw our signal of distress, and, like a whole-souled man that he is, with humanity in his heart, he came promptly to the rescue of our lives. We were taken from the wreck on Jan. 29th, and from that date till we landed, captain, mate and crew showed their untiring zeal to add to our comfort. Captain Jeans and mate have my heartfelt thanks, and it will be long ere his kindness to myself and crew will be erased from my memory. Thanking you for space.
I am, etc.,
CAPT. ASHBURNE.
St. John's, Feb. 20, 1888.

MARRIED.
On 1st December, 1887, at Montrose, Scotland, Alexander Ashton Murray, eldest son of the late Captain Murray, to Annie Webster Hughes, by the Rev. Robert Duncan, assisted by the Rev. W. Fairweather, Free Church Manse, Maryton.
DIED.
At Play-house hill, this morning, Mr. John Walsh, aged 56 years.