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HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 18.

Eight hundred and eighty-seven suspects were arrested at St. Petersburg on January 12th, under suspicion of being Nihilists.

The British Cabinet at a recent meeting decided to make important concessions to Liberal Unionists with respect to Local Government Bill.

Parnell calls a meeting of his parliamentary supporters early in February. The two Heales and Dillon oppose Parnell's pacific policy.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach advocates local government for Ireland, when order is restored.

Five hundred thousand Russian troops are ready on the frontiers of Germany and Austria.

A change of ministry has taken place in Manitoba. Greenway, Liberal, forms a Cabinet.

Two hundred persons have perished in the snow-storms in the Western States.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CAPE RACE, This Evening.

Wind N.N.E., blowing hard and weather fine and clear. The steamer "Curlew" went inward at 9.40 last night. The Allan steamers "Austrian" and "Nova Scotian" passed at noon to-day—the former bound east, the latter inward.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Auction—beef, mutton, etc.....Clift, Wood & Co
Auction—fresh beef and mutton.....Jas. Hynes
Auction—sleighs, harness, etc.....Dryer & Greene
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Notice of meeting.....at the British Hall
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Meeting of Y.M.C.A.....see advertisement
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35 Quarters PRIME FRESH BEEF,
12 CARCASSES MUTTON, ex S.S. "Portia"
from Halifax. Jan 18

To-Morrow, Thursday, at 11 o'clock,
ON THE WHARF OF
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100 QUARTERS FRESH BEEF,
50 PIECES FRESH BEEF,
TURKEYS, GESE AND CHICKEN.
Jan 18

To-Morrow, Thursday, at 11 o'clock,
By JAMES HYNES,
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10 BLS SILVER-PEEL ONIONS, 5 BXS OR-
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5 brls beef, 25 bxs soap, and at 12 o'clock: 50 doz
cabbage, 10 brls turnips, 1 side sleigh, 1 double sleigh,
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Jan 18

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January 17, 10

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January 9, 3w, 10

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—OF THE—
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ON FRIDAY NEXT, AT 8 P.M.
E. ROTHWELL,
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Jan 17, 31, 10

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Jan 14, 31p, 18, 25

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Jan 18

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Jan 18
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Jan 18, 31p, w, f

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AFFAIRS IN THE OLD COUNTRY

News Per S. S. "Assyrian."

OUR latest advices from Britain, per S.S. Assyrian, on Monday, are to the 5th instant, and as follows:—

The belief is revived that we are on the eve of a reconstruction of the Cabinet. A positive statement shelving Lord John Manners has appeared one of many, but looking at the noble lord, whose health is now excellent, he offers a prompt refutation of the story. The Standard appears to have got it into its head that Mr. Arthur Balfour is to be removed from the Irish office.

Sometime ago men discussed the possibility of Mr. Smith being obliged, for physical consideration, to relinquish the leadership of the House of Commons, and it seemed to be agreed that Mr. Balfour must succeed him. But Mr. Smith's friends say there will be no change in this direction, while the friends of the Government generally are so well pleased with the Chief Secretary that Mr. Balfour's removal would be regarded as equivalent to an act of administrative suicide on Lord Salisbury's part.

The Standard appears to have thought no harm would result from a word of warning of the kind, but its portentous utterances have been taken up at the clubs. It must be confessed that this dreary hiatus causes rumours of every kind to be exceptionally welcome where political conversation just now drifts feebly and sluggishly; but the probabilities are that the Ministry will meet Parliament in February in regard to its main departments precisely as it stands to-day.

The thinning out of Lord Cross, Lord Stanley of Preston, and Lord John Manners would create vacancies it is true, but it is not easy to perceive at the moment what advantage would be gained by their removal.

People have given up talking about Lord Hartington's entrance into the Cabinet or the possibility of bringing in Mr. Finlay, and broadening the coalition still further by means of Sir Henry James. Lord Salisbury is personally adverse to changes which are not actually called for by the drift of circumstances, the voice of his own following, or the demands of the Liberal Unionists for a substantial share in the pleasures and rewards of the Government.

So far as the Liberal Unionist leaders are concerned the situation need undergo no alteration whatever, and so far as party pressure urges it the Cabinet may meet Parliament unchanged. It cannot be said that in this respect the Conservative party has changed. It is true that for a while before the prorogation there did exist in the ranks of the party much dissatisfaction with Mr. Henry Matthews, but time and political justice fought for the Home Secretary, so that he has now the pleasure of feeling that he has outlived the thoughtless frenzy of the summer.

If Lord Salisbury really has in his pocket a sketch of a reconstructed Ministry, he will not, I am assured, be found to provide for any heroic evictions or sensational importations.

Mr. Michael Davitt's letter to Mr. O'Connor Power's ostracism is certainly in favour of making friends with the Mammon of unrighteousness. Mr. Davitt was attacked by United Ireland for having suggested that Irishmen in England should abstain from the "political blackguardism" of breaking up Mr. O'Connor Power's meeting.

In his present letter Mr. Davitt denounces United Ireland, and holds that as Mr. O'Connor Power deserted to a party which is now playing the Home Rule game there should be what he calls "bounds to punitive suffering." This punitive suffering would condemn the repentant patriot to a penalty of an "everlasting atonement," and Mr. Davitt contends that he knows his countrymen better than does the writer in United Ireland.

The quarrel is a petty one for such allies, and especially over such a subject, but I am afraid, for Mr. O'Connor Power's sake, that Mr. M. Davitt's championship will not win him Mr. Parnell's pardon.

Mr. Spurgeon has derived much benefit from his visit to Mentone, more, I hear, than usual. He is on his way home now, and is announced

to take the pulpit at the Tabernacle on Sunday next.

Last season's earthquake has not been forgotten by visitors to the Riviera, and the consequence seems fatal to the season, which should have been in full swing for several weeks. Nervous people appear to have temporarily given Cannes, Nice, and other towns overlying the earthquake current a wide berth.

There is consequently tribulation throughout the Alpes Maritimes. The English managers and proprietors of local hotels are writing home in despair, and the few English visitors who have had the courage to rise above the prevailing scare and home despondent accounts of the lack of gaiety, and the absence of the higher priests and priestesses of English fashion. If this should not turn out for the benefit of Madeira, verily it would be an earthquake that did no one good.

At home, Brighton is enjoying a period of exceptional prosperity, the town is crowded, and coroneted coaches pass one continuously on the King's Road. It is very bad weather indeed that makes Brighton insufferable, and, as a rule, a south-west gale, by bringing up a tremendous sea makes the beach a thing of beauty, and a positively enjoyable variation to the current of languor.

The Prince of Wales, at any rate, is not deterred by the calamity in which he played the part of Stoic from visiting the Riviera. His Royal Highness goes to Cannes before January is out.

Mr. Henry Matthews, whose health is again a source of profit to paragraphists, is not ill in the conventional sense of the word. The Home Secretary is in the grip of an old foe, Imbago, to wit, but with this exception he is well.

Truth, opposing the project to signalise the silver wedding of the Princess of Wales by a presentation of jewellery, says:—"Her Royal Highness possesses trinkets enough to stock a large shop." Mr. Labouchere, who has himself had a glut of presentations in the shape of children's toys, evidently writes upon the dull edge of sated appetite. In his opinion the authors of the Royal proposal are "silly, servile geese."

According to the same authority, Mr. Frith, the artist, was a candidate for the new post of keeper of the Royal Academy. The office is worth £800 per annum, and Mr. Frith's failure to obtain it is embittered by the fact that his circumstances are somewhat straightened.

Exploration in the Alaska Regions.

CANADIAN journals state that Dr. Dawson, Assistant Director of the Geological Survey, who headed the party sent by the Dominion Government to explore the country adjacent to the Alaska boundary, has returned to Victoria. Two of the party will winter in the district, however, and prepare the way for the establishment of the international boundary.

The expedition has collected much geological, geographical, and general information about the country, which is far from being the Arctic region it is sometimes represented to be. The point from which Dr. Dawson turned back was at the junction of the Lewis and Pelly rivers, about 1,000 miles north of Victoria. The flora in this locality differed little from that on the banks of the Fraser. A stretch of open, grassy country exists along the stream's tributary to the Yukon. No areas of tundra, or frozen swamps, such as are to be met with in the interior of Alaska, were discovered by the expedition. Dr. Dawson's conclusion is that the whole country, from Cassiar to the vicinity of Forty-one Mile Creek, on the Yukon river—which is near the eastern boundary of Alaska—yields more or less gold in placer deposits. This would constitute a gold-bearing region fully 500 miles in length, and of indefinite width.

A PEELER'S AFFECTIONS BLIGHTED.

I HAVE just heard particulars of a curious and remarkable breach of promise case, in connection with which proceedings have already begun, says a London letter to The Dublin Freeman's Journal. The plaintiff is a constable in the mounted force of the royal Irish constabulary, and the defendant is the daughter of a high colonial official. How or where they met I am not in a position to say but the gallant peeler seems to have made a complete conquest of the young lady's heart, and they were to have been married not very long ago. Some meddlesome relation, however, interfered, and the young affections of the confiding constable were suddenly blighted by the intelligence that all was off between them. He now wants material compensation for the injury he has sustained.

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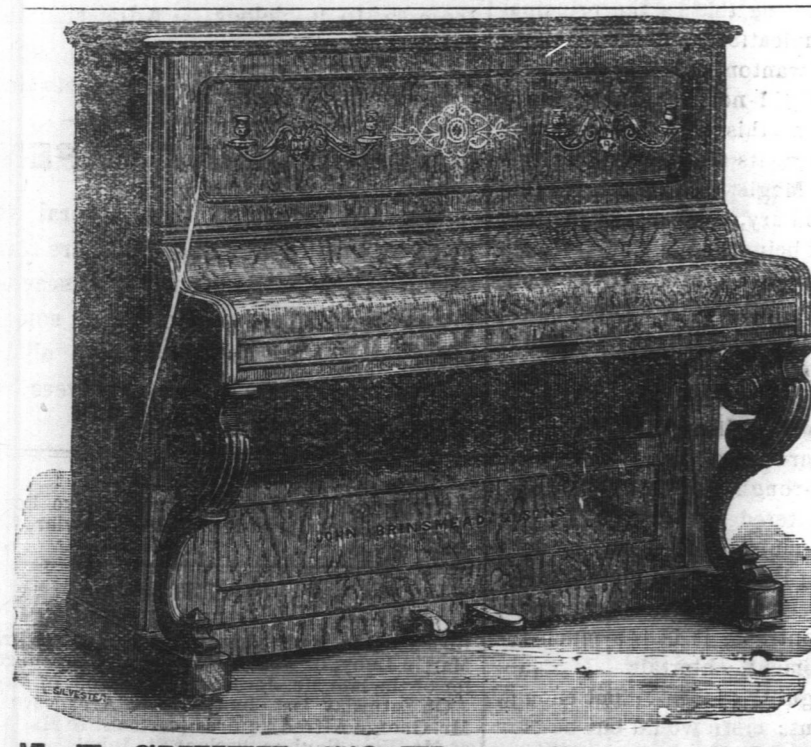
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CHAPTER XIX. (Continued.)

'If you talk in that way, Margarita,' said Lord Rylestone, gravely, 'I will not think of going away at all. Why, my darling, to win a kingdom I would not leave you, if you take my departure so sorely to heart as this!'

She passed her hand over her brow, as though she would fain chase away the shadow.

'I always talk nonsense in the starlight,' she said, with a strange little laugh. 'We will talk about your coming home. I am frightened at myself to-night—I feel like a man who looks down into the mouth of a yawning gulf and thinks he may fall in. We shall talk about that happy day when you shall come back. I wonder how the sun will rise that day, Allan. I have always loved its light, but it will be brighter than ever to me then. Let me hold both your hands while you tell me all about it.'

But he drew her closer to him, and she sat with her head on his breast, and her face raised to his, while she listened to all he said about the future home-coming.

'It is a great thing to have a home like this,' he said. 'My heart would not grow as warm at the thought of going back to Walton, as it does at the idea of coming back here. I shall have the picture of our pretty house, buried in its green foliage, as it is, with me wherever I may go. I shall see this window with its frame of roses and passion-flowers, and your fair face, Margarita, fairer than any flowers that ever bloomed, waiting for me here.'

He talked to her until she had in some measure forgotten her dark fancies, and then it was time for rest.

The day of parting came at last, and to Lord Rylestone it was almost a relief. The suspense for both of them was terrible, and, for his wife's sake, he saw that the sooner it was ended the better. She was growing white and wan, with great dark circles round her eyes, as of one who wept and watched incessantly. When any color came to her face, it was a burning hectic flush. For her sake the parting was better over.

He wondered how he was to leave her. He dreaded the last clinging caress of the dear arms, the last kiss from the tender lips. But that such a thing would have seemed unmanly, he would have given up his purpose rather than endure her sorrow.

How should he leave her? He thought he would conceal the hour of his departure from her and leave her while she slept; that would surely be the most merciful course and cause her the least suffering. She might wish that she could have spoken her last words to him, but it would be more merciful by far to avoid a final leave-taking.

He tried it. He was to sail on the fifteenth of June, and he must be in London on the evening of the fourteenth to meet the Earl of Barton. He did not tell Margarita the precise hour of his departure, although she had questioned him several times about it. Every preparation that love could suggest had been made for him; she had worked almost night and day that he might have everything complete and perfect—there was nothing forgotten. She rose very early on the morning of the fourteenth to finish his packing—she would not allow any strange hand to touch it; and then, when it was all ended, she lay down upon the couch in her dressing-room to rest.

He had guessed that she would do this, and intended to go away while she rested. The carriage was taken round to the back of the house, and quite silently his packages were carried out one after the other. Then he tried to go. Hot tears blinded his eyes. He was a strong man, but he looked around the rooms wherein he had been so happy, and gave vent to a sob which he could not control.

He could not go without looking at her once again—without taking with him a memory of her beautiful face as he had seen it last; so he stole gently into her dressing-room.

Margarita lay on the little couch, and by the carelessness of her attitude, the listless fall of the white arms, he knew that she was exhausted. Her dark head lay on a pillow of crimson velvet, and by contrast the face looked doubly white; there was no vestige of color except the lips that trembled in her sleep. But what touched him most was the fact that she

held in her hands an old glove of his one which he had thrown away, as though she could not sleep without having something near her that had belonged to him.

He was looking at her for the last time for so long—his beautiful wife whom he had loved so tenderly. He pictured to himself the despair in the dark eyes when she should awake and find him gone. He drew nearer to her, wondering if he had been selfish in his love—if it would have been kinder and wiser to remain single until he had in some measure attained his position. And then, being near to her, he must touch her. He knelt down by her side, and, if ever an ardent, earnest prayer rose from any man's heart, one went from his to Heaven. He prayed that she might be well and happy during his absence, and that he might be spared to meet her again.

Not intending to awake her, he bent down and kissed the sweet white face. He started, for the dark eyes were looking into his own, the pale face grew crimson.

'Allan,' she said, quietly, 'you are going—and you meant to go away without telling me.'

'I thought it would be more merciful to you,' he explained, gently.

'It would have killed me to wake and find you gone. You are going, Allan!'

'Yes, my darling, my sweet wife; you must be brave now—it is time for us to part.'

'And you were kneeling by my side, praying, dear?' she continued, 'Ah, well! say good-by to me now.'

He kissed her lips, sobbing, despite his self-control, as bitterly as a child. He spoke no word except 'Good-by, my love, good-by,' and then the dark eyes closed, and he knew that a merciful oblivion had come to her for awhile.

He did not dare to linger—it was far better so, he said to himself; waking could bring her only misery. He turned away, leaving her dead for a time to her sorrow.

He looked around when he stood in the pretty grounds, bidding a long, silent adieu to the house where he had been so happy; and then, raising his hat from his head, he stood for one minute under the tress.

'I pray Heaven,' he said aloud, 'that I may find all as well when I return as I leave it now, and my wife's sweet face watching for me where last evening we sat and talked together.'

CHAPTER XX.

LADY RYLESTONE awoke from her stupor to the keen anguish of the knowledge that her husband was gone. She went up to her room, and carefully closed the door, that she might give full vent to her grief alone.

There was no human eye to see her as she flung herself on the ground unable to stand while that terrible pain rent her heart. She had been one of the most devoted of wives; but now, as she lay there, with great waves of anguish rolling over her, she remembered a hundred things that she might have done for Allan, a hundred kind words that she might have said and had not said.

It was, as she had previously expressed herself to him, as though her soul had been cut in twain. While she lived, Margarita never forgot the agony of that hour. Presently the reaction came. Her vitality, her physical activity, were too great to allow her to remain long in that trance of sorrow. She had to bear the pain of his absence, and it must be borne. The dreary time would come to an end, and she must live through it. She knew that the only thing which could bring her relief was resignation.

She thought of many ways in which she could make the time pass until he came back; and then she smiled sadly to think how soon she had begun to reckon on that. He had not left English shores yet. When he came back he would wish her to live very differently. She said to herself that the best thing she could do would be to read the best books of all kinds—novels, travels, biographies, histories—so that she might fit herself to take the position he desired her to occupy, and to do full justice to it. She would spend her time in reading, she would get together such a store of knowledge and information as should delight her husband and make her useful to him.

Lord Rylestone had hardly reached London when his unhappy young wife had begun to think what she could do to please him on his return. 'His return'—she said the words over to herself as she went to the open window to let the cool air play upon her heated face and burning eyes. 'His return'—a cold shudder came over her as she repeated the words, and it was not the scent-laden summer air that caused it. 'His return'—a cold, sudden fear that had no name and could not be told in words came over her—a presentiment, the cold chill of sudden dread.

(To be Continued.)

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On Sale by Clift, Wood & Co.'s, 3000 BUSHELS

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J. F. CHISHOLM.

FOR SALE, By DRYER & GREENE, Fresh Halibut, Codfish, Partridge, ARCTIC HARES.

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FOR SALE, One handsome Double Sleigh,

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Length of Dock 600 feet Width at Entrance 85 feet Width in Body 122 feet 6 in. Draft of Water over Sill 25 feet

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Upon all Vessels owned in Colony 25 cts. per gross ton Lay Days Half Rate. VESSELS NOT OWNED IN THE COLONY. Steamships under 1,500 Tons 25 cts. per gross ton Lay Days 15 cts. per gross ton Steamships of 1,500 tons, under 2,000 30 cts. per gross ton Lay Days 20 cts. per gross ton Steamships of 2,000 Tons and over 35 cts. per gross ton Lay Days 25 cts. per gross ton Sailing Vessels 25 cts. per gross ton Lay Days Half Rate. Lay Days in each and every case to commence 24 hours after the dock is dry.

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Ample wharf and storage room for the accommodation of vessels requiring the same, together with all necessary shops, tools, &c., for repairing iron and wooden vessels, at reasonable rates.

All applications for docking must be made twenty-four hours in advance, at the office of the dry dock, at Riverhead. nov17, 87

NEW SULTANA RAISINS.

Just Received, At the City Auction Sale-Rooms, FORTY BOXES CHOICE NEW

Sultana :-: Raisins,

[ABOUT 17-LBS. EACH] Which will be sold for the low price of 9s. 6d. per box. Remember, choice new fruit. JOHN B. CURRAN & CO. dec22

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A : Bazaar

WILL BE HELD (D.V.) AT HARBOR GRACE JUNCTION IN FEB. NEXT. PROCEEDS FOR ERECTION OF A CHURCH there. Any contributions will be thankfully received by MRS. ROUSE, St. John's, or by REV. T. H. BULL, New Harbor. nov29

Notice of Copartnership.

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

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 18, 1888.

CLAD TO HEAR IT!

We are glad to hear that some of the intelligent members of the Church and congregation with which his reverence of the Mercury still claims connection, are beginning to realize the necessity of doing something to check the wayward old gentleman in his "mad career."

Had "his reverence" taken the advice we so kindly and gratuitously tendered him last spring, and at once severed his connection with the Government and their abusive organ, he would to-day be regarded by all classes of the community as no worse than an ordinary sinner, at all events.

As regards the Rev. Moses' present associate in the editorship of the Mercury—Mr. A. J. W. McNeily—we do not consider him of much importance here or there. He is seldom really rational, and when he is, his "rationality" appears to be of such an erratic nature as to render him an object of pity rather than contempt in the eyes of all parties.

DEATHS FROM EXPOSURE.

Unfortunate Fate of Two Carbonear Men. "SINCE Christmas," says a correspondent, "two men have died from exposure on the Placentia railroad. The poor fellows belonged to Carbonear. Others will be sure to meet the same fate unless government provide covering to protect them during this inclement season."

The thermometer marked 4 degrees below zero here on Monday night, and at Twillingate it was 6 degrees below. Ice is rapidly forming up north and our correspondents in that direction seem to think that they are in for a hard winter.

THROWING OFF THE MASK.

Saint Moses, "the Boxing Parson," as Depicted by Himself.

I have often remarked that when a mild, meek-eyed parson gets angry, and takes off his coat, so to speak, opponents had better look out. Under that smooth surface there often slumbers a fount of sacred wrath that sometimes blazes up with surprising results.

We always thought our old friend, the parson, the Rev. Moses Harvey, F.R.G.S., editor of the Mercury newspaper,—we always thought our old friend was a Quaker, or rather, in his own words, that he was "one of those mild men who call themselves Quakers."

The fear of hell's a hangman's whip To head the wretch in error, and which more resembles the frame of mind that leads a man to TRAFFIC in sin than to try and flee from it altogether.

But now, his reverence tells us, he is a "quaker" no longer. He has turned right round and become a maker of "quakes." Tired of fasting for his own sins and flagellating himself into an unprofitable unpopularity, he is going to "storm heaven" on the other tack.

We notice, by the way, that the parson speaks of himself in last night's photograph as "a meek-eyed man," on the authority of Lord Bacon; but we fear the portrait is of domestic manufacture in more ways than one. We have always been under the impression that Moses had eyes of a cold gray color—that kind of steel-gray, so to speak, which, united with a shifty, inconstant expression, are so frequently seen with a class of operators in the old country who are well known to the authorities for the remarkable facility they have for "finding things before they are lost."

We often notice that when the pious hypocrite wants to settle his disputes in the P. R., he usually speaks of himself as a "fount of sacred wrath," and it is so with the parson. "Business is slack in the Mercury office, and circulation is gone; we must do something to 'raise the wind'; why not try the opposite tack and be a blackguard? But we must not call ourselves that—we must be an avenger! a fountain of divine wrath! a holy Quaker, gifted with the divine commission to knock down all the other pilgrims and rob them for my own advantage."

Thus and thus says the parson; and thus he has acted for a long time past. When he lent Mr. Graham—we don't mean the Rev. Mr. Graham, but another gentleman of that name whom our friend "the Quaker" will readily identify—and charged him the rather exorbitant rate of TWENTY PER CENT. interest per annum, we are told that tears actually stood in "the Quaker's" eyes as he thus addressed his unfortunate victim: "I am very sorry to have to charge you this high rate of interest, brother, and only that I am a

Quaker' I should not do so. But you know I devote all my income to charitable purposes, and therefore you, an individual, must be sacrificed for the benefit of the many. I cannot help it: I would like to make the rate of interest lower if I could, but the greatest good of the greatest number is the sacred motto for me."

"What's that you say; you would like to know what is the greatest number?" "Friend Graham! look on me. I have always acted upon the golden rule (quake not!) that the greatest number in this world or any other is the NUMBER ONE!" We have done for to-day. To-morrow we shall have something to say about earthquakes. Our friend the Quaker, as we told him yesterday, went into this discussion like a lamb and came out like a lion. Perhaps before the discussion is ended it may be said of him: "He went in like a lion and came out like a lamb!"

SUDDEN DEATH OF CAPT. PAUL.

Particulars of the Sad Occurrence.

From the Cambria Daily Leader of December 23, we get the following particulars of the sudden death of Captain Paul at Swansea:—"An inquest was held on Thursday afternoon at the Tunnel Public House, Swansea, on the body of Thomas Paul, who died suddenly at the Great Western Railway Station, on the 21st instant, under circumstances already reported. The evidence showed that the deceased was a master mariner, 46 years of age, of St. John's, Newfoundland, and that he leaves a wife and family to deplore their loss. He was the master of the Emulator, and arrived in Swansea on the 18th instant. He was strictly sober in his habits, and on the voyage was said to have enjoyed the best of health. On the day in question, after breakfast, he went to the High Street Station, intending to pay a visit to his father at Penzance. At the station he made enquiries about the train and seemed to be quite well and in excellent spirits. Presently he sat on a bench on the platform, and in a few minutes was found there in a sitting position, with his head leaning backwards, his eyes and mouth open and breathing, if breathing at all, very feebly. He was hastily carried into the waiting room, life then being extinct. The body was then laid on the table and examined by Doctor J. G. Hall, who found not the least signs of violence, and the expression of the features was calm and placid, and in his opinion deceased died from syncope, which might have been induced by a long walk, after a hearty breakfast. The Jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes."

CENTRAL DISTRICT COURT.

The ice-saw case was again before the Court, and the bird of victory, as on the previous occasion, perched upon the banner of the bold Smithwick, or Smeddick, with three dollars damages. Grouchy, the defendant, unlike his famous namesake, the French marshal, when in conflict was badly beaten on all sides on this occasion.

George Westcott, a hard-working farmer, living on the Cove road, sued Patrick Murray for forty dollars damages for seven sheep, the property of plaintiff, which, he alleges, were destroyed by defendant's dogs sometime last Fall. A postponement was taken on motion of defendant's counsel, to enable him to procure further evidence, but upon the renewal of the hearing, nothing satisfactory was forthcoming to disassociate defendant from liability for damages, and judgment was given to plaintiff in the amount of eighteen dollars, being full value of the loss less two dollars. It was shown that plaintiff had sent some of the muton of the worried and dead sheep to auction, realizing two dollars therefor, which sum was allowed to defendant's credit in fixing the amount of judgment.

Letter from "Paxton Hood."

A LETTER has been received from "Paxton Hood" complaining that some of his sermons have been plagiarized and preached by a certain "eminent divine" here. This is a very grave charge, and one which, if made in the forcible language of Mr. "Hood," might possibly result in unpleasant consequences to the reverend plagiarist referred to. Therefore we should like to see the writer ere we place his letter before the public. It is also stated that the "eminent divine" mentioned has offered two pork-barrels full of old sermons, borrowed and all as they are, to another divine, not yet quite so "eminent," at what the former regards as a very low figure. He says: "I have no further use for them, and it would do the congregation no harm to hear them preached over again. Any way, here they are at a bargain." Take them as a 'job lot' and make what you can out of the transaction." This is how the story goes; but, of course, we do not vouch for its accuracy in every particular.

From Harbor Grace Junction.

SEVERAL CASES OF GREAT HARDSHIP

Inexcusable Conduct of our District Judges.

DEAR SIR,—It is generally understood that complaints of a public nature made through the press, no matter what their importance when made over a *nom de plume*, fall in a great degree to receive notice from the proper authorities. This is true to a great extent, and more especially so in our Island Home. Why such is the case in Newfoundland can, of course, be traced to the abuse made of the privileges allowed them by newspapers, by anonymous writers, for airing complaints—complaints often unjust and possessing no reasonable foundation.

That such a state of affairs exists is a great hardship to the public, as the good effects of this great lever—the press—are to a great extent stultified. Writers who have *bona fide* reasons, often wish to expose some abuse of public officials or institutions and are often prevented by the knowledge that their efforts would prove abortive, unless they could write over their own signatures, which, perhaps, they are prevented from doing by the nature of their situations, or from the fear of adverse influences to the liberty of expression—I had almost said thought—the bane of our country. Still if the proper authorities fail to allow anonymous writers to the press, even when the complaints made are just, to influence them, those writers, when approaching their subject, in a proper manner seldom fail to do good, though it may prove little, and when in just criticisms of the misconduct of public servants, if the latter receive no reproof or correction from their superiors, they are at least less bold in wrong-doing and more careful to shield it from the public gaze.

But now to the subject of my communication; and my complaints having just ground, shall, I hope, receive due attention by the proper authorities; falling in which, a just public will have another subject for reprobation.

Two summonses were served on parties belonging to this settlement to appear at Holyrood Court House on the 6th inst., to answer the accusation of a breach of the License Act, made against them. They, with their witnesses, took the train on that day, but, having arrived at Holyrood, discovered that His Worship of the Central Court had failed to appear. Accordingly they returned here by the afternoon train. Again these parties were notified that the Judge would most certainly be at Holyrood on Thursday, the 12th inst., and to appear on that day, which they did; but still no sign of His Worship, and thus these parties were twice put to expense they could ill afford of having to pay railway fares twice to and from Holyrood for themselves and witnesses, and the daily wages of the latter. But those I mention were not the only parties who suffered disappointment by the Judge's remissness—for the want of a better word; others belonging to Harbor Main District were forced to travel from Collier's to Holyrood to answer summonses or take suit. There were many cases, some of which were not entirely unimportant.

It is not through the importance or otherwise of cases that were for hearing that is the principal question of my communication, but the manifold injustice and cruelty of wantonly putting poor people to expense they could not reasonably afford, and to great hardships, all this only to not appear and satisfy their requirements afterwards. Is this right on the part of the Magistrate, I ask? Is this the idea that he, a stipendiary, possesses of justice? Let him who, instead of being at the Court House at Holyrood on Thursday, as he intimated he would have been, was, perhaps, sitting by a comfortable fire in the parlor of his residence at St. John's, imagine himself in the place of those poor Colliers' men, and what would be his feelings? Suffering under the sense of a double disappointment, they in the evening homeward plod their weary way, footsore and hungry, through the cold and draft, along the bleak, unsheltered roads of Cat's Cove, subjects of pity and commiseration. Ah, he does not wish even to hear of it! No, the picture, even in comparison with the reality of his own state, furnishes too great a contrast; it is too much for his senses to, for a moment, entertain. If a subordinate official were guilty of —; but enough is already said at present: more would but be only disagreeable to a greater extent to the feelings of him of whom I am speaking.

The arrangement made at Holyrood for the dispensing of cheap justice is, I understand, that a magistrate is to visit the place on the first Thursday of each month. This arrangement is not always, in fact it very often is not at all, carried out; but all parties having cases for His Worship's hearing are summoned to be present on those days. Consequently it is nothing uncommon for litigants to have the hardships of a ten or twelve miles walk, only to suffer disappointments. The best way to have an end put to such a state of affairs is to have a resident magistrate in Harbor Main district. It is really entitled to one, being of large population and importance. For a number of years it has had a Court House and jail at Holyrood, its principal Harbor, and, too, for a number of years, the appointment of a resident magistrate has been spoken of, and at times it seemed as if the event would have actually taken place; but it always ended in nothing more substantial than talk. It is very strange that successive governments have voted and still continue to vote large sums to the stipendiaries at St. John's for the purpose of visiting Holyrood, sums that yearly almost approach the actual salary of an outpost magistrate. If such a course has been and is pursued on economical grounds, I think it a great mistake, as it seems to me false—if at all—economy, and a source of widespread dissatisfaction to the district generally.

I shall now end—and 'tis time for me, you will say; but in extension of the length of my communication, I urge the importance of my complaint; and asking you to confer a favor by publishing it in your independent and highly popular journal, I am, yours truly, COMMISERATION. Hr. Grace Junction, Jan. 16, 1888.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

The brigantine "Plymouth," hence to Boston, has arrived at that port, all well.

THE S.S. Curlew arrived from the Westward between 10 and 11 o'clock this morning.

A SERIOUS marine disaster is reported to have just occurred in the neighborhood of St. Shotts, but particulars are not yet available.

PASSENGERS per S.S. Portia for Halifax—Messrs. George Penney, D. J. Ready, James Taylor, F. Howley, T. Williams, W. Goss, J. Boland.

THE Allan steamer Nova Scotian, from Halifax for this port, passed Cape Race at noon to-day. She will be due here about 7 o'clock.

"WILL the Enforcement of the Bait Bill Benefit the Country?" is the subject for debate by the Methodist Academic Literary Institute this evening.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Observer," "C.T. A.," and "J. B. Stratton"—Your letters will receive due attention to-morrow. "Not So"—Be good enough to let us have your real name.

THE attention of property-holders in St. John's is directed to the notice, in another column, of a meeting to be held in the Home Industries Hall to-morrow (Thursday) evening at 7.30.

THE "Hercules" was obliged to return to port again this morning after setting out for the Northward, a heavy gale of wind from the W.N.W. preventing her making much progress.

THE surface of a skating rink was never so glossy as is the area of the Parade Rink these nights; nor the music of Strauss and of Listz, the adaptations of Godfrey and of Theodore Thomas, ever breathed in such tones of mellowed harmony as by Professor Bennett's full band in the same place. That these rare attractions are appreciated are shown by the large gatherings which nightly throng that popular place of amusement.

THE ladies of the St. Vincent de Paul Society beg to announce that they intend having a children's fancy dress entertainment on Tuesday, 24th inst., in St. Patrick's Hall, in aid of their funds for the relief of the poor; and they trust that the object for which the entertainment is to be given will secure for it the same kindly and generous support which has always been accorded by the benevolent and charitable to their efforts for a like purpose on many previous occasions. Dancing from 5 to 9 o'clock. Admission 50 cents; spectators 50 cents. Children not having fancy costumes can attend in party dresses.

RETRENCHING EXPENSES.

We are informed that several supplying firms at Twillingate and Fogo are retrenching expenses, as a result of last season's poor Labrador fishery, by discharging some of their office and store hands—a step all the more painful since many of the employees have been in their situations for years.

BIRTH.

At River-view House, Portugal Cove Road, on the 16th inst., the wife of Mr. Richard Lawlor, farmer, of the son.

MARRIED.

On the 8th inst., at Wildes Bay, by the Rev. J. X. Roche, P.P., assisted by the Rev. M. P. O'Driscoll, Mr. Martin Luby, of Toad's Cove, to Essie, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Jeremiah O'Driscoll, of Bay Bulls. On Saturday last, by the Rev. Archibald Forsyth, Mr. George Alfred Squires (carmen) to Maria, daughter of Mr. Wm. Squires, both of St. John's. At Fortune near Xmas and New Year, Julia Anestry to Benjamin Buritt. Mary A. Kirby to Phillip Lake. Elizabeth Lake to James P. Collier. Caroline J. Lake to William Collier, Jr. Maria J. Thornhill, to George Bonnell. Amelia Burton, to Thomas William Bennett. Jane Hillier, to Thomas E. Poole.

DIED.

Last night, Richard Power, aged 82 years; funeral on Friday at half-past 2 o'clock, from his late residence, Quidi Vidl. At noon, to-day, William, infant son of Captain J. and Mary Callaban.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED. 17—Portia, Dawson, Halifax, 3 days, Harvey & Co.—771 bbls flour, 289 bbls pork, 100 bags corn, 28 bbls tobacco, 30 trcs lard, 30 trcs oil, 10 bbls beef, 50 bbls heads, 110 bbls soap, 190 qtrs beef, 415 cases canned meats, 5 cases poultry, 280 bbls extract, 50 bbls onions, general cargo. 18—Curlew, Delaney, St. Pierre, 2 days, Bowring Bros—ballast. CLEARED. 17—Gratia, Noseworthy, Oporto, A Goodridge & Sons—3500 qtls fish. 18—Royal Home, Wolfe, Barbados, Job, Bros & Co.—1340 qtls fish, 14 bbls, 26 half-bbls salmon, 33 bbls, 1 half-bbl herring. Portia, Dawson, New York, Harvey & Co.—1206 qtls fish, 211 bbls, 5 half-bbls herring, 185 bbls lobsters, 115 trcs, 23 bbls salmon. LOADING. 11—Lavinia, Brazil, J & W Stewart. 13—Carpasian, Brazil, W. Grieve & Co. 14—Sea Lark, Europe, Baine, Johnston & Co. 17—Consuelo, Europe, P & L Tessier. 18—Hebe, Brazil, Baine, Johnston & Co.

WANTED: A GENERAL SERVANT: Liberal wages will be given to a competent person. Apply at No. 60 Victoria Street. Jan 16