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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Auction—sleighs, harness, etc.....Dryer & Greene
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200 M seasoned pine lumber.....at William Campbell's
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Ice in good condition at Par. Rink.....see advertisement
Wanted—a general servant.....apply at this office

ALL LOVERS OF SKATING AND GOOD MUSIC should attend the **Parade Rink** this **FRIDAY EVENING**. The ice is in splendid condition, and to add to the effect of the music a new band gallery has been fitted up in the centre of the Rink; and all ladies and gentlemen who intend visiting the Parade Rink will be guaranteed a most delightful evening. The band will play to-night, to-morrow afternoon, and to-morrow night. Ladies' books of 10 tickets, \$1.00. Gent's ditto \$1.50. Afternoon admission (with band from 4 to 6 o'clock) 10 cents.
Jan 13, 11

GLUTEN ENTIRE WHEAT PATENT FLOUR.
We have a few bags, (price 20s. each) of this excellent whole-grain flour, made from the finest of the wheat, and invaluable to those who suffer from dyspepsia, indigestion, or any other of the ills that flesh is heir to. Makes a fine plump loaf of brown bread. Mixed half-and-half with white flour improves the bread.
Apply at McBride's Hill.
Jan 10, 10

GOLD PENS AND PEN-HOLDERS, UNIQUE PAPER CUTTERS, SILVER FIVE O'CLOCK TEA-SPOONS, ENGAGEMENT RINGS, DRESS RINGS, AND WEDDING RINGS, &c. Preserve your Precious Eyesight by Procuring a Pair of LAURANCE'S Spectacles at N. OHMAN'S, Atlantic Hotel Building, Water Street.
dec 14

AUCTION SALES.

To-Morrow, Saturday, at 11 o'clock, ON THE WHARF OF
JAS. & WM. PITTS,
100 quarters Fresh Beef,
40 pieces Fresh Beef,
Lot Smoked Jowls,
50 tubs Nova Scotia Butter.
Jan 13

To-Morrow, Saturday, at 11 o'clock,
By **DRYER & GREENE,**
67 quarters **PRIME FRESH BEEF,**
5 carcasses **PRIME FRESH MUTTON,**
42 cases **ORANGES,** 27 brls **APPLES**
39 cases **SILVERPEEL ONIONS**
Lot **Fresh Turkeys, Geese & Ducks**
Jan 13

To-Morrow, Saturday, at 11 o'clock,
By **JAMES HYNES,**
[At his Rooms, opposite Messrs. Job, Brothers & Co.]
25 qtrs. prime Fresh Beef,
200 POUNDS **FRESH BEEF,** 30 **GEESE,** 15 **TURKIES,** 15 brls red apples, 5 bxs oranges, 5 kegs grapes, 10 brls onions, 30 tubs butter, 10 brls pigs' heads, 5 brls pork, 5 brls mess beef, 30 brls flour, and at 12 o'clock: 100 doz cabbage, 10 brls turnips.
Jan 13

To-Morrow, Saturday, at 11 o'clock,
ON THE WHARF OF
CLIFT, WOOD & Co.,
100 quarters **PRIME FRESH P.E.I. Beef,**
20 carcasses **PRIME FRESH P.E.I. Mutton,**
5 carcasses **PRIME FRESH P.E.I. Pork,**
150 **Geese,** 75 **Ducks,** 150 **Chicken.**
Jan 13 Ex schr. "Lizzie" from P. E. Island.

To-Morrow, Saturday, at 11 o'clock,
AT THE CITY AUCTION SALE-ROOMS,
200 Pieces Choice Beef and Mutton,
20 DOZ **NFLD. CABBAGE,** 25 **TUBS BUTTER,**
5 brls sugar, 10 bxs blacklead, 5 bxs blue, 1 bedstead, 2 couches, 2 easy chairs, mens' clothing, chairs, tables, boots, glassware, &c., &c.
J. B. CURRAN & Co., Auctioneers.
Jan 13

To-Morrow, Saturday, at 12 o'clock,
By **DRYER & GREENE,**
One Handsome Double Sleigh,
(NEARLY NEW.)
1 **DOUBLE SLEIGH,** (second-hand), 1 **PONY Sleigh,** 1 **SIDE Sleigh,** 1 set **SILVER-MOUNTED HARNESS,** 3 sets **HANDSOME Sleigh Bells,** 3 **HANDSOME HORSE RUGS.**
Jan 13

We have Advanced the Price
OF OUR
9s. { POTATOES } 9s.
at Brooking's to 9s. (NINE SHILLINGS) per brl.
Lay in your Stock as they will soon be higher.
Jan 9, 10 **JAS. MURRAY.**

LIGHT HERRING SEINES.
We have prepared a **Light and very STRONG TWINE** for **Herring Seines**—low in price—and we believe it will fish profitably.
Gloucester Net & Twine Co., Gloucester.
Boston Office: 94 Commercial Street.
dec 21, 2w, 1p

FOR SALE,
1 SLEIGH, in good order.
dec 2 **JOHN S. SIMMS.**

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NORTHSIDE
240 Water Street 240.

ENGLISH BLANKETS :: ARE BEST FOR :: WINTER WEATHER.

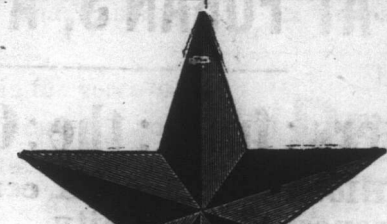
—We have now a full range of—
ENGLISH BLANKETS FROM THE BEST MAKERS!
We can give you full size, Heavy-weight Blankets
:: 11s. 6d., 14s., 16s. 6d. and 19s. 6d. per pair ::

Jan 13, 21 **BLACKWOOD & BLAIR.**

BUILDERS' SUPPLY STORE,
Water Street.

200 M. SEASONED PINE LUMBER,
1, 1 1/2, and 3-inch.
January 13 **WILLIAM CAMPBELL.**

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.  **NOTICE.**

434 Water St. West. 434 Water St. West.

On **THURSDAY** Next, will **COMMENCE A SALE,**
—AT THE WEST END STORE OF THE LATE—
JAMES MCKAY,
—CONSISTING OF A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF—

Dry Goods, Groceries, Crockeryware, Fancy Goods, Hardware and Farming Utensils, such as Rakes, Hay Forks, Shovels and Prongs. All must be sold within a month. It's a rare chance and don't lose it. P.S.—No goods to be delivered on approval.
Jan 12, 21p

 **150 HAMS**
Ten Cents per pound.
THIS IS A GENUINE BARGAIN, BEING BALANCE of a large shipment, which is offered to clear before Stock-taking.
WATER STREET, NEAR JOB'S. **GEORGE E. BEARNS.**

A FEW OF OUR CHEAP LINES:

We are offering a good article of **CANADIAN CHEWING TOBACCO,** in half-boxes, at 1s. 7d. per lb. Cheap **MOLASSES** at 2s. per gallon. **Barbados 42 cents.** Best **YELLOW MEAL 18s.** per brl. The best **No. 2 or FINE FLOURS 18s.** and **19s.** per brl. **SUPERS 21s.** and **22s.** **No. 2 EXTRAS 23s.** **GOOD SUPERIORS 24s.** to **26s.** **BUTTER 9d., 10d., 1s. 1d.** **PIGS' HEADS 35s.** **SMALL JOWLS 72s. 6d.** **FAMILY and MESS PORK 95s.**
ALL FOR NETT CASH ON DELIVERY.
January 9, 10 **JAMES MURRAY.**

TO FISH CURERS!

A Long-felt Want Supplied.
CALL at Messrs. Job Brothers & Co.'s Store and see Samples of **FISH CURERS.** Light, durable, impervious to moisture, labor saving, cheaper, and in every way superior to Rinds.
January 7, 10 **JOB BROTHERS & Co.**

AT PARNELL'S.

.. YOU CAN BUY ..
A Bar of Really Good Soap for 2cts
CRYSTALIZED SUGAR FOR 9 CENTS. PER LB.—7-LBS. FOR 60 CENTS.
F. PARNELL,
January 6, 1888 **131 WATER STREET.**

Anderson's 50-Cent Parcel.

CONTENTS:—1 Pound Raisins, 1 Pound Currants, 1 Pot Marmalade, 1 bottle Pickles, a half-dozen Oranges.
ANDERSON WOULD DRAW SPECIAL ATTENTION TO A FEW OF HIS PRICES:
Lime Juice Cordial.....20cts bottle Raspberry Syrup.....20cts bottle
Raspberry Vinegar.....20cts bottle Lemon Syrup.....20cts bottle
Cooked Corned Beef (2-lb. tins) 25cts each, Jams, Pickles, Sauces, Vinegar, Peaches, Tea, Sugar, Currants, Raisins, Biscuits, Butter, Bread, Flour—at lowest possible prices.
BARGAINS IN TOYS, to clear out the Balance.
JOHN ANDERSON, 371 WATER STREET
or at Anderson's Polytechnic, 26 New Gower Street.

TO LET, A Suite of Offices

on the 2nd flat of TELEGRAM Building, OPPOSITE COMMERCIAL BANK.
For terms, etc., apply at this office.
Jan 12, 10

24s. Twenty-four Shillings.
NORTH SYDNEY COAL
In consequence of the exceptional mildness of the season we are offering North Sydney Coal from the old mines at **24s. PER TON SENT HOME FROM the "People's Coal Depot,"**
At BROOKING'S. Remember 24s. per ton; half ton 12s., at Brooking's. MARCH down and get it.
Jan 9 **JAMES MURRAY.**

FOR SALE, Dwelling House,

That commodious
Now occupied by Mrs. SALTER, Military Road (nearly opposite the Colonial Building), containing: six Bedrooms, 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, or to **MRS. T. SALTER.**
dec 29, 10

Boston Kero. Oil.

Now Landing, ex "Lottie" from Boston,
300 casks Boston Kero. Oil.
FOR SALE CHEAP FROM VESSEL WHILE DISCHARGING.
Jan 7, 10 **JAS MURRAY.**

L.O.A.

Victoria Chapter, No. 1, R. S.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE Chapter will be held on (To-Morrow) Saturday, at 8 p.m., when Reports of Officers will be read for the past year, and the Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and installed.
(By order of W. C. in C.)
Jan 13, 11 **H. J. THOMAS,** Comp. Scribe.

FOR SALE, By BARNES & Co.

100 cases **Brawn.**
50 boxes **Gem Soap.**
20 brls **Red Apples—Baldwin.**
BRIDPORT COAL :: GALCE BAY COAL.
Jan 12, 21p All at our usual low prices.

FOR SALE.

100 brls. Nfld. Potatoes
WILL BE SOLD LESS THAN MARKET PRICE.
Apply to
Jan 12, 31p **THOMAS FITZGIBBON.**

Schooner For Sale

The fast-sailing A1 schooner
"PIONEER,"
of this port, 103 tons register; 15 months old. Is well fitted out and a desirable vessel. For further information, apply to
D. A. SMITH, Agent, North Sydney, C.B.,
Or here, to: **dec 16, 21wfp CLIFT, WOOD & Co.**

Three Thousand Bushels HEAVY BLACK OATS.

3s. 6d. per bus. in bags, per bus. 3s. 6d.
at **BROOKING'S and McBRIDE'S HILL.**
Jan 9, 10 **JAS. MURRAY.**

FOR SALE: HOUSE: A BARGAIN will be given if applied for immediately.

For full particulars apply at this office.
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NOTICE. All the Members of "Saint Andrew's Church Musical Association" are urgently requested to attend a Special Meeting in the Kirk Basement at 7:30 THIS EVENING.

WANTED: A PLAIN COOK and HOUSEMAID References required. Apply at this office.
Jan 8, 10
WANTED: Immediately—A GOOD COOK. Apply to **MRS. JAMES MCKAY.**
Jan 12, 31p
WANTED: In a small family—A GENERAL SERVANT. Apply at this office.
Jan 13, 11

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.

Plushes, Boas, Muffs, and Capes!

WILLIAM FREW, 191 Water Street,

Has just received, per "Peruvian," a splendid assortment of BLACK & COLORED PLUSHES, FUR BOAS, MUFFS AND CAPES, and a large variety of Fancy Goods, suitable for the season.

We would also call special attention to our large stock of Dress Materials, which we are now offering at greatly reduced prices. To intending purchasers we guarantee better value in all classes of Drapery Goods than they will find elsewhere.

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CLIFT, WOOD & CO. MORRILL'S Celebrated Mould Candles. JOHN S. SIMMS, TWO TABLE PIANOS.

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ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 13, 1888.

All Letters for publication, and Letters containing any communications should be addressed to W. J. HERDER, Proprietor and Publisher, Gregory's Lane, St. John's, Newfoundland, or to A. A. PARSONS.

DIED IN HIS OFFICE.

Solon Nickerson, the Carpet Man.

FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS HE SLEPT IN HIS STORE, DINED ON THE CHEAPEST OF FARE, AND SMOKED SIX FOR A QUARTER CIGARS—HIS SISTER WILL ENJOY HIS FORTUNE.

The towering form of Solon Nickerson, who was found dead in his chair yesterday morning, will be missed by the business men in the vicinity of Madison street and Fifth avenue, who regarded the ancient carpet dealer as one of Chicago's landmarks. At 7 o'clock the young man whose first daily duty it was to open the carpet store at 178 and 180 Madison street entered the office and found his employer sitting upright in a chair, and, as he thought, sleeping. The gas was burning at the time, as was also a lamp on the desk. The young man moved around quietly so as not to disturb the slumbers of Mr. Nickerson, and after extinguishing the lights he went about his usual avocations. Presently he thought that customers might be coming in, and that it would not be seemly to have a man sleeping in the store during business hours. Accordingly he returned to the office, and was shocked to find that his employer was wrapped in the sleep that knows no waking. James T. Durant, brother-in-law of the deceased, and other friends were promptly summoned. A post-mortem examination disclosed the fact that death was caused by heart disease. The body, which, after the Coroner and his jury had viewed it, was given in charge of an undertaker, lay all day in the office of the rear part of the store. The visitors to the scene of death were few, and those who came found no one to whom it was necessary to offer condolence. The employees, in holiday attire, moved around quietly and received those who called to view the remains or to inquire the cause of death. The only evidence of mourning to be seen was a bunch of crapes on the outer door. There was no tears shed over the bier, for Mr. Nickerson had no relatives from whom this demonstration of affection and regret at his death might be expected. He was unmarried, and the only heir to his property, which is estimated at \$750,000, is his sister, Mrs. James T. Durant, of St. Charles, Ill. Solon Nickerson was born in Athol, Mass., in 1819. His early days were spent in his father's store at that place. In 1840 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and four years later he arrived in Chicago. Those who remember Mr. Nickerson as he appeared then describe him as a man of a remarkably fine presence. He was over six feet high, well built and weighed 200 pounds. He had an auction store on Lake street from 1844 to 1860, when he removed to 178 Madison street and engaged in the sale of carpets. The building was destroyed in the great fire, but it was rebuilt and was reoccupied within sixty days after its destruction. There he continued to conduct business until his death.

The only one of his acquaintances who offered an explanation of the reason that prevented him from doubling his joys and dividing his sorrows and his fortune was Mr. Durant, who stated that Mrs. Nickerson used to say of her son when he was not more than fifteen years of age: "Solon is a confirmed bachelor." The words were then used only in a prophetic sense. They were entirely applicable in later life. So far as known, Mr. Nickerson was never jilted, hence his bachelorhood cannot be attributed to any romantic ideas. Those who knew him for years, slightly, are of opinion that he was willing to double his joys and divide his sorrows, but that he was deterred from so doing by the knowledge of the fact that he would also have to divide his fortune.

In early life Nickerson got hold of the old saying, "Take care of the cents and the dollars will take care of themselves," and that advice he hugged to his soul until his death. He was always just, but there is no one to speak of his generosity or of his charity. It would not take long for his right hand to reckon all that his left hand ever did in the way of charity. Never extravagant, in late years he hoarded his wealth like a miser. He occupied a room im-

mediately over the store and took his meals at a restaurant. His room was taken care of by himself, occasionally assisted by one of his employes. He rarely left the store, except to get his meals. When he wanted a suit of clothes or a pair of shoes the tailor or the shoemaker was summoned to the store, and the articles when finished were there delivered to him. He was moderate in eating, drinking and smoking. His check for his meal rarely exceeded 30 cents. He could enjoy a good cigar when given to him by a friend, but when making his own purchases of the weed he generally considered six for a quarter good enough.

Sunday evening Mr. Nickerson had supper at Henric's on Madison street. After the meal, while conversing with a friend, he complained that he had been troubled for some weeks with a pain in the region of the heart. Soon afterward he left the restaurant and went to his store. That was the last seen of him alive. It is supposed that he died between the hours of 10 and 12 Sunday night. The remains will be taken to-day to St. Charles, Ill., for burial.—Chicago Herald, Dec. 20.

AN OHIO ROMANCE.

A Kansas Stock-Dealer Goes to the Buckeye State to Get a Wife But is Greatly Disappointed.

A WELLSVILLE, O., dispatch says: Romance follows romance in rapid succession in this part of the country. Only a few days ago was reported the consummation by marriage of a love episode that had its inception through a correspondence between the young couple, who were strangers to each other. The sequel to the following romantic story proves this case did not end as auspiciously for all concerned as did the first one. Carrollton is the county seat of Carroll, an adjoining county situated in what is known as the Tuscarawas valley, a rich agricultural region in one of the garden spots of Ohio, noted for its beautiful women and fine cattle.

A. P. Mortland is one of the principal attorneys in the place, a man of large means, undoubted influence and prominence, and the father of a beautiful daughter named Linda, who had just graduated from a well-known boarding-school. Miss Linda, as has been noted, is really a handsome girl, highly accomplished, and the possessor of a voice of rare purity and power.

Like many of her sex, the idea of securing unknown correspondents seized her, and the pastime for a period was very fascinating. Disappointment, keen and cruel, has resulted to at least one of the principals in the affair.

Her correspondent proved to be a Mr. James Wright, of Chetopa, Kan., a stock-dealer and a man reputed to be worth at least \$50,000. The correspondence continued for some time, when Wright formed the notion of taking his fair unknown to fill a void in his western home. What the nature of the correspondence was is, of course, a mystery; but a few days ago Miss Linda Mortland, of Carrollton, was very much surprised to have ushered into her presence James Wright, of Chetopa, Kan., in whom she saw her unknown correspondent, who came to wed her. When she saw him she was seized with caprice, and evidently experienced a revulsion of sentiment, for she refused to marry him, declaring she would never do so.

There the matter rests. Mr. Wright, who is a young man of intelligence, honor, and integrity, was accompanied to Carrollton by his sister, a well-known and estimable lady of Cincinnati, whose presence was intended to vouch for the gallant, and to be a witness that his intentions were honorable and serious. This of itself made many friends for the disappointed lover, who left Carrollton for his sister's home in Cincinnati somewhat crest-fallen but by no means discouraged, as he declares he will yet win the young lady in spite of all, an intention, he says, that became irresistible when he first saw the object of his affection.

The affair has created no little stir in the humdrum village, and the case has been the one topic of conversation for days past. The many part Wright has borne in the matter and his standing in the world since his position and wealth have been revealed have somewhat overcome the prejudice existing against the means in which the affair was brought about.

The young lady's actions and her refusal to marry Wright are mysteries, and whether the result of impulse or caprice or a yielding to the entreaties of her family can not be learned. The villagers are watching the case with interest.

BOSTON KEROSENE.

On Sale by Clift, Wood & Co.'s, Boston KEROSENE Oil, in barrels and cases.

Freight from Boston.

Brigantine 'PLYMOUTH,' Now due at Boston, will load there for St. John's, about latter part of this month. For freight, apply to STRATTON, LITTLE & Co., 31 State Street, Boston.

ON SALE BY Jas. & Wm. Pitts,

55 Pairs PRIME FRESH GESE, 50 prs. prime fresh Fowl, Ex "S. H. Morse," from Souris, P.E.I.

DRYER & GREENE,

150 barrels selected APPLES, consisting of Spys, Seeks, Emperors, Baldwins, Russetts, &c. 50 cases Silver-peel Onions, Turkeys, Geese, and Ducks.

FOR SALE, 1 Dining Room Suite, 1 Bed Room Suite.

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The office is centrally situated on Water Street, opposite B. Harvey's dry goods store, and you can come in and see us, whether you purchase or not, where all information you may require will be cheerfully given, and plans submitted for your inspection.

T. W. SPEY, Real Estate Broker.

POTATOES AND OATS.

For Sale by
CLIFT, WOOD & Co.,
The cargo of the schr. "Four Brothers," from Georgetown, consisting of:
600 barrels Choice Potatoes,
400 bus. Heavy Black Oats,
produce of P. E. Island.

ON SALE BY P. & L. Tessier OAK PLANK, 1 1/2, 3, 3 1/2 and 4 inch, long lengths.

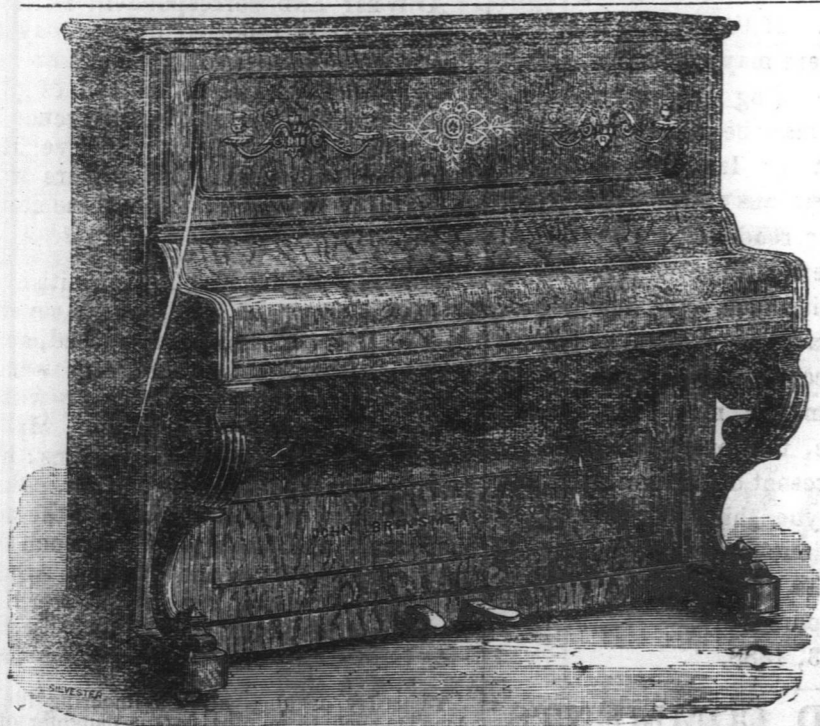
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OAK BAULK—60 and 65 feet long, 18x19.
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ADELAIDE CAMERON'S "SHADOW LOVE."

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CHAPTER XVI.

(Continued.)

He would return—in two or three years he would return—and then the result of the present sacrifice would be that he could acknowledge his marriage, and they could live in a style befitting his rank. Other husbands and wives had to part. Never a ship left the shore but it took with it over the sea the heart's dear love of some man or woman. So she must be strong to bear as others bore; but as she sat there with the scent of the roses floating around her, she said to herself that she hated the girl who had stood between him and his inheritance.

It is to her he owes his sorrow and disappointment—it is through her we have to part, she thought; and an angry pain darted through her loving, passionate heart. It is through her I must lose my love, she said; 'I shall not forget the name of Adelaide Cameron.'

And then she rose from her seat and went back into the house. One would hardly have known her, so great was the change that had come over her. She looked as though a blight had fallen over her dark beauty—as though years of sorrow had suddenly descended upon her; the dark eyes had a shadow in them, the lips, so like scarlet flowers, were pale and drawn. Her husband called to her as she passed the window, but she made him some evasive reply.

'I must get accustomed to the idea that he is going,' she thought, 'before I venture to look upon his face again.'

She re-entered the house and tried to interest herself in some domestic duties, and all the time she kept saying to herself—
'He is going, he is going!' There was something pathetic in the trembling hands, the quivering lips, the face so full of passionate anguish.

Presently she went to her room to dress for dinner. She stood before the mirror with a dazed, uncertain look. She was blind to her own rare beauty—to the white arms, the slender pink-tipped fingers, the wealth of dark hair, the mouth like a rose. Almost unconsciously she put on an exquisite dress of rare white muslin with a dash of crimson, and fastened a crimson flower in the coils of her hair. The beauty of the straight supple figure was all lost upon her. She had but one thought, and that was that Allan must go.

'Margarita,' cried Lord Rylestone, 'what have you been doing all day? I have hardly seen or heard you.'

'I have been here, dear,' she replied, gently. 'You know we agreed to discuss Sir John Freeing's letter in the evening, and I knew that you would want me then.'

'I want you always,' he said. 'When you are away from me, it seems as though I were only half alive.'

She smiled with quivering lips; but she had nerved herself to be brave, and brave she meant to be. He had sacrificed himself once for him; now it was her turn to sacrifice herself for him.

It was a very pretty scene after dinner in the pretty villa—the room made gay with a few sweet-scented flowers, adorned with some fine pictures and rare statuettes, the table with its pretty arrangement of fruit and wine, blooming grapes, and rich-hued Burgundy, being near to the window. Through the latter, which was open, came the scent of fragrant roses, and the breath of the summer wind. Lord Rylestone reclined on a tempting-looking chair, and his beautiful young wife, with her white arms crossed, sat at his feet.

'We have to discuss Sir John Freeing's letter, darling,' said her husband, looking at the graceful lines of her face and figure; 'shall we dismiss it in two words?'

She raised her dark, beautiful face to his.

'No, it must not be dismissed, Allan. I have been thinking it all over. You must go.'

He did not see how the slender hands tightened their clasp of each other, and the red lips trembled.

'Is that the resolution my wise little wife has come to?' he asked, laughing.

'Yes. You see, Allan, this kind of life could not go on for you; it might for me—I should be content and happy to live and die as I am. It is so different with you. You have the world to think of—you have a place to

maintain in it—as a young man, clever man, and a man with a grand old name. You have no right to bury yourself here. Your life is worth more than mine. If I buried myself here in obscurity, no one would miss me; if you do it, the world will clamor for you.'

'It may do as it likes,' he said, carelessly. And then she turned to him, and, raising herself, laid her head on his breast.

'That is not quite all, dear. In the years to come you would never forgive yourself for not having gone and you would never forgive me for not having urged you to go. At the end of ten years, should you find yourself struggling as you are now, longing, dissatisfied, seeing others win the race for which you meant to run, you would not pardon yourself for your want of activity now; but, if at the end of ten years you should find yourself a man with a great name, a great position, all won by your own efforts, you would bless me for having urged you.'

He had grown quiet and thoughtful as she spoke, and when she had ceased he laid his hand on her head.

'I think you are right, Margarita,' he said; 'you are always right.'

And then there was a silence between them for some minutes. 'He was the first to break it.'

'I must say, Margarita, that, for my own part, I should like to go; but it is leaving you, dear, that I feel.'

'Never mind that,' she responded. 'We have been intensely happy during these last few months; we must live on the remembrance of that happiness until we meet again.'

'Margarita,' he said, 'would you like me to make our marriage public before I go?'

She drew a long, deep breath as she listened.

'Before I go?' Then he had accepted the sacrifice and made no demur!

'I think not,' she replied, slowly; 'you are the person to be consulted, not I. I do not see that you would gain anything by announcing it; on the contrary, you would lose.'

'How? I do not understand.'

'If you leave me here as Mrs. Estcourt, I can remain where I am, in the pretty house I have grown to love so dearly, living quietly and at little expense; but, if you leave me as Lady Rylestone, I must go away from here—I must live according to my rank; and that would be a great drawback. Besides, I should not be so happy—I should have to run the gauntlet of the world's criticism and wonder and gossip all alone. Leave me here in peace, Allan.'

'There is a great deal in what you say,' he remarked—a great deal of good sense, I mean. You would be happier here, in the home where we have lived, than you would be in London, or any where else. And when I return, dear, my position will be altered I shall no longer be a poor man. I shall have taken my first steps on the road that leads to fortune. I shall be able then to take my sweet wife to a home worthy of her.'

So, while the great flashes of crimson glory died in the western skies, they talked of the future, which was to be so tragical to them of the pain of absence, of the happiness of meeting again—or how in the after years they would be thankful that they had had the courage to take this step.

'I am sure it is for the best,' said Lord Rylestone, 'the more I think of it, the surer I am. See what it is to have a brave wife Margarita. If you had said 'stay,' I should have stayed.'

'I should always advise what is best for you,' she returned.

'So I believe. Oh, Margarita, what happy thought I shall have to comfort me in my absence! Only think, if I went away, and had no one to love, how cold, and dark, and barren my life would be.'

She clasped her arms around his neck.

'You will not forget me, dear, while you are away; you will not learn to love me less?' she interrogated, pleadingly.

'When I forget you, Margarita, may Heaven forget me!' he said, solemnly; and in the deepening twilight, he told her again and again how dearly and truly he loved her.

CHAPTER XVII.

MADAME DE VALMY and Miss Cameron sat alone in the drawing-room of their London mansion. The post had just come in, and it had brought a letter from Lord Rylestone to the young heiress. She read it—while the rose-flush deepened on her face and the light brightened in her eyes.

'That is good news,' she said to madame.

'Lord Rylestone has had an excellent appointment offered to him.'

'I am glad to hear it,' responded madame, cordially. 'What is it?'

'To accompany the Earl of Barton to Canada,' replied Miss Cameron. 'He seems in high spirits about it.'

(To be Continued.)

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The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 13, 1888.

A VERY WEAK REPLY.

The "Mercury" Fails in Its Defence of the Premier.

MR. THORBURN'S CONDUCT REALLY INDEFENSIBLE.

The Government organ tries hard to make it appear that Premier Thorburn is innocent of the charge brought against him by the TELEGRAM in our issue of Tuesday last. It is needless, however, to say that the effort only adds to the discomfiture of the indicted party, by still further exposing his mercenary conduct to public criticism and reprehension. Far better would it have been for the Premier and his advisers had the *Mercury* said nothing at all about the matter. The editor of that paper knew that he had no reasonable defence to offer and, therefore, "silence would have been wisdom" under the circumstances. But no; his reverence is never happy except when he has something to fight about and somebody to fight with. He likes to flourish his "black thorn," and to strut around challenging political and party opponents to tread on his clerical coat-tails. The sight of "wigs on the green" would seem to afford him far greater pleasure than the appearance of sinners at "the altar of mercy," and it is very evident that he feels more at home amid the strife and bitterness of party politics than in the holy occupation of pointing to brighter words and leading the way.

But to return from the Parson to the Premier. The *Mercury* admits that the latter "self-sacrificing" servant of the Commonwealth" received last year, in the shape of Government sops, the pretty little sum of \$8,783.35, but gravely assures us that a certain percentage thereof had to be paid out in wages, &c., and therefore Mr. Thorburn didn't make the big profit on the transaction that some people may suppose. Poor, innocent Mr. Thorburn! Our contemporary would try to make us believe that he (Mr. T.) is not in the habit of "scooping in" large profits whenever there's a chance to do so. Ah, friend *Mercury*, your logic lacks its usual plausibility this time. Sir Robert is an old business man, and has long ago managed to get rid of all qualms of conscience with respect to the matter of "grinding exactions." At any rate, we have before us at this moment an account recently received by an industrious plaiter from Walter Grieve & Co. which amply proves that Premier Thorburn does not always issue supplies for the fishery without expecting to have some profit at the close of the voyage.

Why, it is a notorious fact that the present Premier of Newfoundland is one of the most selfish and mercenary men that has ever occupied such an important office. The way in which he toadied to Sir Ambrose Shea as soon as he found it necessary to do so to obtain a knighthood; the violation of his oft-repeated promise to conduct the public business of the country on "sound commercial principles;" the Placentia railway bribe offered by him to Messrs. Donnelly and Emerson, with a view to secure their support in the Lower Chamber, — all point to the unmistakable fact that he has been actuated by personal and party considerations all through his brief and inglorious political career.

In the first place he made a great mistake by going into politics at all. Then he committed a still greater "error of judgment" by sacrificing whatever little honor he had left for the sake of a title which no one but a "feather-headed noodle" would be bothered with any way. And now, to sustain a position which he should never have presumed to occupy, he must adopt the advice of his present "guide, philosopher and friend" — in short, he must "escape, pare and do everything short of stealing."

Obviously, then, it was an unfortunate day for Terra Nova when her people allowed the present party to assume power, and more unfortunate still when they consented to accept Mr. Robert Thorburn as the nominal head of that party. The *Mercury* may, for selfish reasons, try to think differently; but we happen to know that our sentiments in this connection are the intelligent sentiments of the whole Island.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"TAMMANY HALL." — Your letter anent "the incorporation movement" has been received, but we fail to see any ground for assuming that such a condition of things as you predict would be forced upon property-owners under that form of municipal government. However, "tis well, as you say, to "act with great prudence in this matter, and to bear in mind the fact that we are a too-much-governed people already."

THE CURLING TOURNAMENT

Opening Contest Between Scotchmen and All-Comers.

This evening in the Parade Rink opens that hale and whole-souled winter sport which more than any other generates hardihood of body, strength of arm and nicety of eye; and, above all, cultivates the genial and fraternal spirit between man and man. Newfoundlanders of every kind and degree have taken so kindly to the national pastime of Scotland, that it is probable a greater number of its devotees are taken from our countrymen than from the ranks of Scotchmen themselves. Instances are not wanting, either, in which the latter have surrendered the palm of victory to the former—vanquished with their own national arms from Ailsa Crag. What is there uncommon in this? Is it to be supposed that Newfoundlanders are to be beaten in any game in which ice and frost are indispensable elements? Not much. To-night these adversaries are to be pitted against each other. The Scots—so confident are they of handling the stones successfully—throw down the gauntlet to all-comers. The latter, though there may be a sprinkling of the sons of Scotia amongst them, will most likely contain a majority of Newfoundlanders; so that the contest will really be a tug for superiority between Caledonia and Terra Nova. To-night, then, will be a great night at the rink. It will be a great night for Scotland, but it will be a greater night for Newfoundland. The game will be watched with interest; every effort will be put forth to win the laurel; but we may be sure that, in the midst of all, right hearty good fellowship will prevail and that Newfoundlanders will be ready to cheer "Bonnie Scotland," as will Scotchmen to salute Terra Nova—as the issue may determine. We may be sure that Professor Bennett will pay due regard to the spirit of the occasion in the character of the selections. The "Banks of Newfoundland" and "Auld Lang Syne" will be kindred harmonies, and the immortal genius of Burns will shed his radiance on the scene. It will be an auspicious opening of the curling season, and that it will be a pleasant one throughout to all taking part is our sincere wish.

IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL CASE.

A RATHER important case to the trade was decided to-day by Judge Prowse in the Magistrate's Court in the matter of a claim of ten dollars for wharfage at Boston on certain goods shipped on through bill of lading from Chicago to this port, the claim being made on behalf of the Boston forwarders in the shape of a lien upon the goods forwarded, namely, 250 bris. corn meal. The action was taken against Messrs. Harvey & Co. as agents for Messrs. Hathaway, of Boston, who had received instructions to collect the claim, the plaintiff being Mr. James Murray. The decision of the Magistrate, which will be given in writing, was for the plaintiff, with brief fee. Messrs. Winter & Morison for plaintiff; Messrs. Whiteway & Johnson for defendants.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

A FAIR and fashionable audience attended the concert at the Star of the Sea Hall last evening, and it must have appreciated it from the applause that met the efforts of many of the performers. The ladies of the Riverhead Choir sang remarkably well for their first appearance in a public hall. With regard to the other singers, we may state that they have been heard repeatedly with much advantage, and it would be unnecessary to say anything in their favor at present, particularly as our reportorial pen have frequently pointed out their many "excellencies" in the firmament of song. The Rev. Father Crook, whose genial and gentlemanly manners have endeared him to the people, deserves to be congratulated on the success of his entertainment, and it is hoped that with the proceeds he will be enabled to carry out the benevolent object which he has in view.

"The Surgeon and the Poor Commissioner."

In reference to the communication under the above heading, we are authorized by the acting District Surgeon to give a flat denial. Upon receipt of the Poor Commissioner's order the acting District Surgeon immediately visited the cases of contagious distemper referred to in Torbay. It is difficult to understand how these patients were left so long without medical attendance, their case being one of the exceptional output calls where a physician was really required. As the acting Surgeon receives nothing for his services, it is difficult to see where the "soft Government job" comes in.—*Com.*

The annual meeting of the St. John's West Circuit Sabbath School Committee will be held in the basement of George Street Church to-night (Friday) at the close of the prayer meeting. Teachers, officers and representatives are requested to be present.

The Present State of Newfoundland

—AND— CONFEDERATION.

NOTHING can exceed the lofty ridicule where-with anti-Unionists treat the argument that Confederation would unite us with a great country and make us sharers with its prosperity. They think it foolish, if not disloyal, because, say they, we are already united with the greatest Empire in the world, and what greater happiness could we wish or hope for on earth? Unfortunately for them, this argument of theirs has little weight with a people whose fathers or themselves have traversed the broad Atlantic to found for themselves new homes, new institutions, and, if necessary, new Governments too. We do not form a part of England; we are a part of America, and our natural connexion is with the great continent that gathers us as it were to her breast. England herself feels this. Gifted, as she always has been, with statesmen who look forward as well as back, she sees the day not far distant when these provinces would rush into Union with the neighboring continent as if drawn by the law of attraction. Her part is to systematize, to direct, to wield, if you will, to her own interests, an event which would otherwise take place without her intervention, and perhaps be consummated to her discredit; so that the folly and disloyalty of those who favor a Union of those Provinces is simply the folly and disloyalty of England herself and of her statesmen. England at present has her eyes, and her hand, unusually wide open. She perceives that we have not progressed under her rule as well as we ought, and the memory of some very few awkward obstacles that she herself opposed to our progress stir up in her perhaps a sense of justice and clemency. Nations, however, like individuals, seldom forget what is profitable when doing what appears magnanimous. And there cannot be the slightest doubt that whatever generous policy England may pursue here or at home, she will not suffer herself to lose by it. But whether for justice or policy, or both combined, it is England's will that these provinces confederate. So there is an end of objurgations about the folly and disloyalty cast in the teeth of Unionists.

I have neither time nor patience now, nor could I fairly demand space, to deal at length with all the trivialities that have been set up as arguments of Unionists to be summarily bowled down by their opponents. With regard to the good prospects Confederation would hold out to our youth, I imagine they have been alluded to as an advice more than as an argument—an advice for the youth of this country to take a part in life's struggle, such as they cannot have here—an advice such as the poet of the young Republic gives in his noble "psalm,"

In the world's wide field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb-driven cattle,
Be a hero in the strife.

And it is a well-known fact that such of our youth as have joined in that strife in Canada, in the States, and elsewhere, when thrown upon their metal, and removed from the "lotus eating" influences that characterize this unhappy country, have earned honor and independence. In Confederation they would have at least equal facilities for accomplishing the same end, with the further advantage of working at home, for any part of the Dominion would be their own country.

The Short-line Railroad project is not a Confederation scheme at all. If it be accomplished, it will be a benefit to the world at large, not to Canada alone.

In fine, without wasting more time upon the views anti-Unionists choose to take of the arguments for Confederation, or answering objections that have been refuted over and over again, I pause to admire, before I finish this letter, the cool assurance wherewith they set themselves up as arbiters of public opinion and protectors of popular rights. Let me ask on what plea do they assume this dignified position? Is it because wilfully ignoring the evils that beset us, blind to the spirit of indolence and the total absence of enterprise and industry begotten of our present system, they stimulate the people against a change by appeals made only to the passions and never to the judgment? Does this constitute their title to the position of leaders of the people? They tell the people that under Confederation they will be taxed, but they never point out the benefits that result to a people from fair and legitimate taxation. They never open their eyes to the more grievous burden that now oppresses them—a burden cast upon them not by a powerful Government whose interests are theirs, but by the self-constituted autocrats of trade. They tell the people that under Confederation they will be banded as soldiers to protect the Dominion frontier, but they never tell them that the military profession is more honorable than the profession of idle beggary, and that military discipline is better for soul and body than the listless liberalism of the street-corners and public-house. There are

hundreds of young men parading our streets in idleness who had better be trained to the honorable duty of defending an honorable flag, if such a fate were really in store for them. In fact so ruthlessly dishonest are those "Leaders'" efforts after popular suffrage that the burden of their advice to the people is simply this,—that they must never suffer any change that involves discipline or labor,—that they must insist on living as a nation of children, to be fed with a spoon—and when grown up, to be exhibited as walking gentlemen or debased paupers. It were too bad, they say, that Newfoundlanders should be subjected to any yoke, even such as the freest people on earth endure and cherish. If the advice of those leaders of opinion avail, then parents who see their children go to ruin from idleness; Ministers of Justice who find crime multiplied and intensified through delicate consideration for the feelings of the guilty; Legislators who behold a statute book replete with edicts that have become impracticable; Economists who deplore extravagant waste of wholesome food that would support five times our population;—all these should band themselves together, and tell the people the lessons of truth! tell them to remain as they are, that the rigor of taxation, &c., will disturb that delightful abandon, and check that charming license that have hitherto raised them to so high a position in the eyes of the world, and been so productive of comfort, happiness, and morality at home!!

Tell the people this, and you will easily enlist popular prejudice in your favor; but will you, or those whom you sway, represent the true interests of the country? Yet those who speak and write in this style are forsooth the only advocates of right, and revel in that intolerance that truth alone can justify!

But the people will yet learn the truth—the froth engendered in the popular mind by the agitation of the passions is but an effervescent—immediately beneath lies the cool substantial element of reason and judgment. The froth will subside from its own weakness, and the current of common sense be seen pursuing its calm way all the time, urged by its own instincts to a true and proper outlet.

In a future letter I shall complete the general argument for a change of system, and in due time come to the discussion of particulars.
AN OUTSIDER.

NO HARM IN STEALING A SERMON.

The Law and the Profits on the Subject.

DEAR SIR,—In looking over the correspondence in your columns on the subject and reading your able editorial remarks of yesterday, it occurs to me that after all there may be no great harm in stealing a sermon, if the object is to do good, and to save souls from going down to the bottomless pit. If the sermon has been already purloined, there may be justice, a sort of poetic justice, in stealing it again, and thus the scales of justice may be evenly balanced. Do we not read that the Israelites borrowed jewelry from the Egyptians on the eve of their flight, and do we ever read that they returned them again? The Jew always lend, money at a very high rate of interest, even our friend, the divine Moses, exacting as high as twenty per cent. on some occasions for the use of his spare cash. This matter may bear looking into at a later date, the only safe rule of Christian ethics at present being: get what you can steal whenever you think there is a safe chance to do so without detection, for this is the law and the profits, too.

Yours truly,
J. B.

St. John's, Jan. 13, 1888.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE opening lecture of the Academia course will be delivered by Mr. Furlong this evening at 8 o'clock. Subject: "On a Free Pass."

THE total number of banking schooners insured in the St. John's Mutual Banking, and in the Mutual Banking—the two Marine Insurance companies of this city—during the past year, was a hundred and fifty vessels, aggregating twelve thousand eight hundred and forty eight (12,848) tons, insured for a hundred and thirteen thousand three hundred and sixty-five (£113,365) pounds. The first-named company has on its list 75 vessels of tonnage 4,134, with insurance on hulls for £33,425, and on outfits for £13,740. The second named has 175 vessels on its list, valued at £74,700, and insured for £66,200.

OUR Trinity correspondent announced that the schooner *Marion* and several others had reached that port a few days ago. Their insurance had expired with the close of the year, but their owners had taken the risk of making the passage safely—no small risk at this time of the year. It appears that the renewal of insurance for the run home would cost as much as the hire of a tug-boat. But where there are several schooners, all bound on a short trip to such a near place as Trinity, it would pay the owners, one would suppose, to unitedly engage the services of a steam-tug, by way of a convey-

By Telegraph

THE CHOLERA PLAGUE IN CHILI.

Bodies Dug Out of the Snow.

EARTHQUAKES IN THE STATES.

The Small-Pox in San Francisco.

OFFICERS DISMISSED BY RUSSIA.

Sir Thomas Esmonde on Home Rule.

ANOTHER BLIZZARD IN NORTHWEST.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 13.

Cholera continues in Chili. Six hundred and forty-four deaths occurred at Valparaiso in two weeks.

Fourteen bodies of women have been dug out of the snow near Fiume, Austria. Many are still missing.

Earthquakes are being experienced in the Southern States.

The small-pox epidemic in San Francisco is spreading.

All officers in the Russian army of Polish extraction have been dismissed, and Austrian families have been ordered to leave Poland.

Sir Thomas Esmonde, a member of the British Parliament, addressed a large audience at Halifax last night in favor of Home Rule in Ireland.

Another blizzard prevails in the Northwest. Thermometer 60 below zero, and railways are blocked.

FROM CAPE RACE.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CAPE RACE, This Evening.
Wind north, blowing a brisk breeze and weather fine. A fore-and-aft schooner passed west at 9 o'clock this morning.

DINING WITH THE BISHOP.

HIS LORDSHIP DR. POWER entertained the following gentlemen at dinner last evening in the Episcopal Residence:—His Excellency the Governor, Lord George Fitzgerald, the Premier of the Government, Mr. Justice Pinesent and Mr. Justice Little, of the Supreme Court, Hon'bles A. F. Goodridge and W. J. S. Donnelly, Judge Conroy, of the Magistrates' Court, Walter B. Grieve, Esq., M.H.A., and Robert Langrishe-Mare, Esq.

LOCAL VARIETIES.

A WEST END correspondent writes as follows:—"It is reported up our way that the Postmaster is endeavoring to get an individual in over all the carriers, instead of promoting right along and giving the preference to those who, through attention, deserve it. This ought not to be, and the carriers would feel thankful if you would expose the contemplated injustice."

It is stated that Mr. T. R. Smith of the firm of C. F. Bennett & Co., who for several weeks past has been seriously indisposed, at one time so much so that his recovery was deemed doubtful, is much improved and will soon be in his accustomed place again. Mr. Smith is one of St. John's worthiest citizens; his career has been marked by those patient, painstaking, industrious qualities which mark the successful merchant, and in days when such men are rather scarce, he is one of those who can ill be spared from the commercial world of Newfoundland just yet.

DIED.

Yesterday evening, after a lingering illness, Mary Amelia, aged 13 months, infant daughter of Drucilla and the late Nathan Mills, of Petty Harbor.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.
9—Parejero, Thoms, Pernambuco, 39 days, Baine, Johnston & Co.—ballast. Miranda, Lesemann, Halifax, 3 days, Harvey & Co.—3562 bris flour, 3 puns rum, 37 puns molasses, 190 bris apples, 120 bris meal, 75 bris oil, 75 bxs soap, 1067 bris pork, 40 bxs, 6 cases tobacco, 70 bris sugar, 25 trcs tallow, 100 bxs raisins, 9 bxs hams, 300 cases canned meats, 150 bris beef, 105 bris pease, genl. cargo. Souris Light, Boland, Boston, 8 days. Cliff, Wood & Co.—500 bris flour, part general cargo.
11—Lilian, Mealey, Cadiz, 32 days, Job, Bros & Co.—170 tons salt. Prince LeBoo, Thorne, Liverpool, 29 days, J. Murray—231 tons coal.
12—Fanny, Kidd, Liverpool, 29 days, Job, Bros & Co.—197 tons coal, 60 bris tar, 120 bdls oakum, 20 bris sugar, 35 bris soda, 103 pkgs powder, 8 bags rice, 20 bales bagging.
CLEARED.
10—Sunbeam, Woolgar, Pernambuco, P & L Tessier—3658 qtls fish. Miriam, Manning, Barbados, A Goodridge & Sons—1815 qtls fish, 3 trcs, 6 bris salmon, 100 bris herring, 9 half-bris, 6 tubs, 600 lbs. New Dominion, Lemieux, Barbados, Baine, Johnston & Co.—1914 qtls fish, 174 bris herring, 1 tierce, 1 brl salmon, 340 bdls hoops.
11—Stella, Nisbet, Barcelona, J & W Stewart—3800 qtls fish. Aureola, Brien, Rio de Janeiro, P & L Tessier—4560 qtls fish. Little Vixen, Dornon, Barcelona, P & L Tessier—2800 qtls fish. Spinaway, Richards, Oporto, J Murray—2420 qtls fish. Miranda, Lesemann, New York, Harvey & Co.—1410 qtls fish, 197 bris herring, 1 qtr-cask wine, 6 butts tobacco.
LOADING.
30—Crystal Stream, Europe, Baine, Johnston & Co. July 6—Royal Home, West Indies, Job, Bros & Co. 7—Dora, Brazil, Job, Bros & Co. 9—Dunure, Brazil, P. L. Tessier. 10—Vidonia, Brazil, Bowring Bros. Gratis, Europe, A Goodridge & Sons. 11—Lavilla, Brazil, J & W Stewart. 12—Parejero, Brazil, Baine, Johnston & Co. Fruit Girl, West Indies, Harvey & Co.

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