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ST. JOHN LETTER.

Bishop Potter, of New York is reported to have said a few days ago that "war is a relic of barbarism, an there is no more reason that it should survive among Christians, than that you and I should settle our differences by pounding each other with clubs." Leigh Hunt, the essayist, was of the same opinion and more than fifty years ago he wrote how "private wars" should be conducted with the same formalities as "public ones." "When two gentlemen dispute over their wine they should immediately put on two laced hats, call in a band of music from the street, and after hearing a little of it, and marching up and down the room with an air of dignified propriety, fall to it with their fists, and see which can give the other the most logical bloody nose. The blows would grow heavier and heavier till one of the two fell insensible-that

being an evil necessary to the termination of the argument. When the band had played again the conqueror would clear his throat in the most dignified manner, strike up a hymn, and thank the author of his vitality that the defeated party had been beaten to a jelly, to the special satisfaction of the beater, and the eternal honor and glory of the Author of the Universe " But after all, Christians will have to engage in both public and private wars, in self defence, as long as barbarism exists in the world.

Manchester, Robertson & Allison and the Currie Business college have sent contributions direct to some of the Digby fire sufferers.

Seventy three deaths occurred in the city during the month of March.

Steamer Alerdes of the Donaldson line ran into International steamer Cumberland, lying at her wharf last Wednesday morning, damaging the latter to the extent of more than \$2000.

The complete poems of Archibald Lampman are to be published in a memorial volume a few months hence for the benefit of the dead poet's young fami-

The United States celebrates the ratification of peace with Spain on the 24th of May,-the Queen's birthday.

The 47th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dalton of the West End, occurred last Wednesday when they were visited by many of their descendants and friends. Among the tokens of regard which they received was a beautiful Davenport Desk from Miss Ada Patrick, their granddaughter.

Markets generally are very steady and week. Wheat is rather dull but while the present demand for export continues no material change in prices is anticipated. Sugars have advanchd $\frac{1}{8}$ cent per pound, Rico molasses continues firm at 35 cents; some small lots of Barbados are expected plentiful at 10 or 12 cents. Choice but-



ter is in fair demand at 16 cents. Messrs. George S. deForest & Sons are shipping daily from 1000 to 2000 pounds of their four grades of Union Blend tea, but still they are unable to keep abreast with the urgent demands of their customers.

The blizard that swept through the maritime provinces a few weeks ago is said to be recuperating in Boston.

The streets are almost as dry as in midsummer and patches of green are beginning to appear in the old burial ground and in the squares. The tired man looks out over the hills with a great longing to be away, and then buckles to his never ending grind.

St. John, April 15th.

The Local Legislature.

FREDERICTON, April 8.-On the bill amending the law relating to municipalities coming up for its third reading, Mr. Hazen moved that it be referred back to the committee on law practice and procedure. He said the bill as agreed to in committee of the whole was entirely different from the original bill as introduced. There seemed to be a good deal of doubt as to the effect of some of the amendments made to the bill, and there was an impression that as it now stood it might effect the franchise for the Dominion parliament.

Mr. Burchill-The bill only deals with municipal franchise.

Mr. Hazen-I know that was the intention, but the lists for the Dominion being now made up from the muncipal and civic lists, the bill might have a far-reaching effect.

Mr. Emmerson said the bill was one only affecting municipal affairs. The

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