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ST. JOHN LETTER.

Relics of famous literary men bring good prices in London. Recently 83 letters from Sir Walter Scott to his brother were sold for \$1,525. A silver taper stand for which he paid \$25, sold for \$360, and his ash walking stick brought \$205. A copy of the first edition of "Tales of my Landlord" found a purchaser at \$125. A copy of "Wordsworth's poems," published in 1815, brought \$51, and of "Ruskin's Poems," edition of 1851, \$110. It is seldom that during an author's lifetime an author's work brings more than the publisher's regular price, but Rudyard Kipling seems to be an exception to all rules. At the sale above referred to a copy of the first edition of his "Departmental Ditties" brought \$73. His recent illness has given an extraordinary impetus to the sale of all his books.

A young woman claiming to be from Nova Scotia is under arrest for passing bogus bank bills.

James Harley was thrown from a sleigh on Paradise Row last Tuesday. While being conveyed to the hospital the ambulance collapsed but he got there at last and is expected to recover.

Last Tuesday afternoon while the streets were full of people the janitor of the Bank of Montreal building threw a quantity of ice from the roof splitting open the head of a passerby. The janitor and manager are personally responsible for the result of their criminal carelessness, and it is doubtful if the city is not liable for permitting such work in business hours.

Thomas A. Crockett, a well known druggist and prominent member of the Knights of Pythias died suddenly last Tuesday of apoplexy.

Dr. Thompson of the Boston Optical Co., proposes to leave here in a few weeks for Toronto or Chicago where he will have a larger field for the exercise of his skill as an optician. During his residence here he has treated hundreds, old and young, successfully for defective vision and in anticipation of his early departure his rooms are constantly thronged with people anxious to avail themselves of his services. The writer uses his glasses and would be unable to either read or write without them.

The late Joseph Medill, the great Chicago journalist, was a native of Petersville, Queens county, this province.

Fred Irvine, late of the North End, is at the head of the largest mercantile establishment in Kootenay.

Great improvements are being made in the Royal Hotel this city.

Spring is here; so is the little German band.

Spring is announced by frequent arrival of schooners from Nova Scotia laden with apples, potatoes and other farm produce.

Jim Fiske used to say that money spent in fencing a graveyard was money wasted because those who were inside couldn't get out, and those who were outside didn't want to get in. It is not so with public offices with good salaries attached.

In the market the volume of business is good and trade is opening satisfactorily in the country. Collections are improving. The following are today's quotations for some leading staples:

Manitoba flour, highest grades, per bbl \$4.75; Ontario patents 75 per cent, \$4 to \$4.10; oatmeal, \$3.85 to \$3.90; cornmeal, \$2.25; barley \$4 to \$4.10; split peas \$4; clear pork, \$15.25 to \$15.50; mess pork, \$14 to \$14.50; boneless beef, \$15.50; extra plate, \$14.50 to \$14.75; plate, \$14 to \$14.25; beans, hand picked per bushel, \$1.10; compound lard, in tubs, per pound 6 1/2 cents; compound lard in pails, per pound, 7 cents; pure lard in tubs, per pound, 7 1/2 cents; pure lard in pails, per pound, 7 1/2 cents; pure lard in 10 lb. tins, per pound, 8 cents; pure lard in 5 lb. tins, per pound, 8 1/2 cents; pure lard, in 3 lb. tins, per pound, 8 1/2 cents; P. R. molasses, 34 to 35 cents; P. R. molasses, crop of '98, per gallon 28 to 30 cents; sugar, standard granulated, per 100 pounds \$4.50; sugar, extra C, per 100 pounds \$3.87; sugar, yellow C, per 100 pounds, \$3.75; oil, best American, per gallon, 18 1/2 cents; oil, W. W. Canadian, per gallon, 17 1/2 cents; oil, common Canadian, per gallon, 16 cents; apples, evaporated, per lb. 9 1/2 and 10 cents; apples, dried, per lb. 5 1/2 cents; rice, per lb. 3 1/2 cents; baking soda, per keg, \$2.15 to \$2.25; dry cod, large, per 100 pounds, \$4.00; dry cod, medium, per 100 pounds, \$3.75; pollock, per 100 pounds, 2.00; smoked herring per box, 7 cents.

The tea market is very firm at the recent advance of from one to four and five cents per pound, the highest advance being on the highest grades. George S.

DeForest & Sons have had three extra hands in their tea warehouse for the last four weeks putting up their new grades of Union Blend Tea. They are still behind their orders and report a steady and rapid increase in the demand, the retail prices being 25, 30, 35 and 40 cents per pound. This firm's tea business has increased to such an extent that now Mr. Harry W. DeForest gives his entire attention to this branch of their trade, while their general grocery business is managed by his brother, Mr. Clarence W. DeForest.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

St. John, March 25.

Pork Packing.

We notice in your last issue a meeting held in the interest of a pork packing establishment in the city of St. John. An industry of that kind is what we farmers are looking for, and hoping to gain. We as farmers who are in the habit of raising on an average, ten, twelve and fifteen hogs a year, can raise four times that amount providing we have a ready market and a fixed price so we would know what we were going to get for them instead of going to St. John as we now do and asking Mr. Dunn if he will buy and what he will give, perhaps the answer will be, don't want them got more now than we can handle at present. Well I'll see Slipp & Flewelling perhaps they will purchase. The answer is don't want them got more now than we can handle. Then we must stay there two, three or four days before we can get rid of them. Now this is poor encouragement for the farmer to try and get ahead in raising pork under these conditions.

Now what we want is the pork packing establishment started and we will show them whether we can't supply the demand or not. Of course it will take a couple of years to get a good start and after that we would be able to meet the demand.

Some speak of importing some new breeds of hogs which I claim is not necessary as we have just as good breeds of hogs in this Province as they have in Ontario. There is more in the feed than there is in the breed.

We have the Chester which is one of the best pork producers of the day. Then again we have the Tamworth which is the favorite among the people in Ontario for making bacon. We also have the Berkshire and Yorkshire which are good breeds. The money spent for importation of hogs had better be spent in the interest of the farmer and a pork packing establishment be started in the city of St. John. Also a cheese factory in the Parish of Cambridge would be worthy of notice.

FRED C. NEVERS.

Lower Jemseg, Queens County.

The Prohibition Question.

OTTAWA, March 22.—A meeting was held this morning of the legislative committee of the Dominion Alliance and members of Parliament and Senators favorable to and interested in prohibition. Senator Vidal presided, and amongst the prohibitionists present were J. R. Duggall, S. J. Carter, G. M. Webster, J. H. Carson, Montreal; F. S. Spence, W. H. Orr, Toronto, Rev. John Higgins, C. B. Taggart, Rev. John Wood, Ottawa. A heated discussion took place upon a resolution introduced by Mr. Spence that the results of the Plebiscite are such as to call for the enactment of prohibitory legislation by Parliament. He reviewed the results of the Plebiscite and claimed they justified a demand for prohibition. Mr. McClure introduced an amendment declaring that as the vote was such that Parliament could not ignore it, and as the government had declined to act, a committee of seven should be appointed to formulate a plan of action and take steps to bring the views of those favorable to prohibition directly before Parliament. Dr.

McDonald declared that the sentiment of the country as revealed by the vote would not justify the introduction of a bill. Mr. McClure's amendment was adopted, and a committee composed of Messrs. Christie, Ganong, Moore, McMullen, Flint, McClure and Senator Vidal was named. Mr. Sutherland declared the proceedings farcical, because members were voting not from the point of view of prohibition, but from the party standpoint.

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Latest from Manila.

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Our troops are entrenched and the situation is practically unchanged. The enemy has refrained from making any attacks recently and it would appear that the rebels are saving their ammunition for a decisive movement. According to a prisoner captured by our troops Aguinaldo has announced that he will personally conduct the reserves at Mallos and march into Manila within twenty days, unless the Americans withdraw in the meantime. The concentration of the rebel forces in the vicinity of Malabon gives color to the statement of the prisoner. Advice received from Cuba by a coast-

ing steamer say all is quiet there. The United States transport Sherman, from New York on Feb. 3, has arrived here. One child, two sailors and two privates died on the voyage and one man was drowned in the Mediterranean.

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