

but spoke for only fifteen minutes. He defined his "position" scrupulously. If it were possible he would introduce a new amendment, as neither Sir Richard Cartwright's original motion nor either of the amendments was so worded that he could conscientiously say they expressed his sentiments exactly. But as he could hope for no support for any amendment he might offer, he had to say—and he seemed to say it with some difficulty—that he could not support the amendment of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. In conclusion, he said that he was entirely in favor of Unrestricted Reciprocity, when it could be brought into the effect without impairing the Dominion's honor and dignity, and without impinging on the National Policy.

#### ST JOHN LETTER.

St. John, N. B., April 2, 1888.

"Nothing has surprised me so much in the commercial world for a long time as the decided rise in provincial 4 per cents," said a prominent city broker a few days ago. "Looking back but a month or two ago I can remember having \$20,000 worth of bonds for sale and I disposed of them with some exertion at 90. Now I could not buy them for 95. What is the cause? I can hardly say unless cheap English money is at the bottom of it. You can borrow as much money as you want in the old country for 2 per cent per annum, and the market rate today is only one and 3/8 per cent. Just think of it! Large English capitalists are making investments abroad and in this way I account for the increased value of provincial bonds. It is a fact that the savings bank limit which was lately decreased from \$1,000 to \$300 has some effect upon the value of civic, municipal and provincial bonds, but that appears to be the case across the line as well as in Canada. You see every day in the American papers that money is tight, that the stock market is depressed and interest is high, but if you will look at the sale of city bonds you won't find them as you would expect, going below par, but actually being snatched up at a premium and yet they only bear 3 per cent interest. These things lead me to think—and the thought is not original—that there is going to be a big financial crash in the near future, and the long heads are putting their spare cash where the stock market fluctuations won't disturb it. That's only my opinion and you are welcome to it."

The base ball craze has set in and every boy is boasting how hard he can hit and how much he can curve the sphere. There is a fine prospect for lots of fun, and everybody is looking forward to the season's opening with pleasure. The bitter feud between the Nationals and Shamrocks still continues and is, if anything, bitterer than ever, the reconciliation games of last Summer having had a different result from that anticipated. It is probable, however, that another nine will be put in practice, which will give the Nationals a hard game and thus afford home sport.

It is seldom that a man is permitted the enjoyment of the society of three legitimate wives in less than the same number of years, yet there is just such a case within a few hundred yards of me. The first one died of consumption, leaving her affectionate husband a legacy of twelve or fourteen bright eyes which however proved too much for Mistress No 2 who was buried in less than a year after her predecessor. Shortly after his second marriage the gentleman in question excused himself from a friend on the street and entered an undertaker's office. "You're a nice bridegroom," said his friend; "what were you doing in there?" "Paying for my first wife's coffin," was the cool reply. He is to be married again in a few days and he declares that he hasn't got any consumptive this time. The nature and severity of this man's punishment I leave to the unmarried ladies who read this.

One of the Easter sights which attracted much attention last Saturday was the handsomely dressed windows of Messrs. Macaulay Bros. & Co.'s dry goods establishment on King Street. This firm is always surprising the public and is ever to the front with

something new, attractive, inviting. No wonder Halifax ladies exclaim that when they want a nice piece of dress goods they have to send to St. John; but it is more of a surprise to learn that fashionable residents of this city who used to personally select their goods in Boston now remain at home and give Messrs. Macaulay their custom. They deserve it, for they have the best and latest in the market. A prominent St. John lady, who has been in Boston selecting her elaborate trousseau, declares that she can procure as elegant and fashionable goods in this emporium of St. John fashion. Their silk dress department, and, in fact, all kinds of dress goods are especially complete, and their stock being in early has been arranged in their commodious new store to the best advantage. The ladies declare that Macaulay Bros. great advantage is in the fact that when they get a dress they can furnish every bit of trimming that is needed. The ladies go in ecstasies over Pongee silks and special lines of satin Rhinamine in all of the leading colors, and say that no stock of printed cottons in this city can compare with theirs. I do not know anything about dry goods, but I do know that the marvellous progress of this firm has attracted much attention not only in St. John but throughout the province. Year after year they enlarged their premises and last year they found it necessary to move into a larger building where they run a first-class millinery department as well.

There was considerable commotion Friday in the ranks of those people who are in favor of licensed taverns, when a morning paper came out with the signatures to the petitions. They appeared not only once but in some cases several times, and the question of who does and who does not support liquor selling is no longer in doubt. Many are indignant that their names should be given publicity but they forget that having attached their autographs they became public property and they have no legal redress for the public expression of their private opinions. In the meantime some hundreds are quaking and waiting for the next issue of the paper for the ominous words "to be continued" were appended to an incomplete list.

The Halifax Recorder has tired of running down Halifax and now seeks to place St. John on the same level. It won't work. No person in St. John, outside of a few offices, reads this organ of despair and nobody in Halifax believes it, so that in any case its utterances receive proper attention.

The estimates for city expenditure next year will be \$5,000 less than last, a showing that is all the more creditable considering the street improvements that have been made.

The only St. John bill which seems to have been given the go by the Legislature is the Sabbath observance document and the latest intelligence puts it in a pigeon hole. There are a lot of good men behind that movement and their bill should have been considered. However, discouragement is not in their dictionary and, persistence being a strong plank in their platform, the government may expect the document as fresh and uninviting as ever next year.

The N. W. Brunswick Telephone Co. vs. the Nova Scotia Telephone Co. case was decided in favor of New Brunswick—Nova Scotia pays costs.

Beautiful weather!

SANTA CLAUS.

Is It True?

We regret to read the following in a letter from Woodstock to the Telegraph regarding the recent assault on two of our local peace officers and a facetious response to it by a Sun correspondent. We regret it because, if it be true, it states a disreputable fact and, whether true or false, must give people abroad an unpleasant opinion of our citizens:—

"As a matter of fact, there is altogether too much sympathy for lawlessness in our community, and it would tell vastly in the interests of law and order and for the good name of our fair town if our peace officers were more strongly supported in the performance of their necessary duties."

#### Canterbury Station Items.

Mr. John A. Lawson, who went to Minnesota last Fall, has returned satisfied there is no place like home.

A valuable four-year-old colt, owned by Mr. T. Falconer, was found dead in the stable on Tuesday morning.

The Episcopal churches at Skiff Lake and at Canterbury Station are to be repainted. They are also to have new chimneys and new roofs.

Speaking of fishing, a few days ago an old angler, who had cast flies on all the noted fishing grounds of New Brunswick, Quebec and Maine, said, "I have visited a great many fishing grounds, but for genuine sport and picturesque scenery Skiff Lake surpasses them all. It is about half an hour's ride from Canterbury Station; is about five miles long, from one to three wide and contains about 20 islands varying in size from one-quarter of an acre to several acres in area. The salmon here are very gamey and afford splendid sport; there is also great trout fishing on the lake. But the 'Angler's Paradise' is the stream which forms the outlet of it. This stream is from one to two rods wide, is from two to six feet deep and may be navigated with a canoe to the Potato Dam, five miles from the foot of the lake. This dam was built by the mill owners of the St. Croix, for the purpose of aiding in driving lumber out of the waters above. The measures which have been taken by parties interested in restocking these waters with salmon and trout are already showing good results. Over 100,000 young salmon, trout and white fish, from the hatchery at Rapid du Femme have been put in at different times. These grounds are already becoming famous; several wealthy gentlemen have built houses on the islands, and come each Summer for a few weeks, always taking with them large numbers of the speckled beauties. Mr. John Nicholson has fished on these waters for the last 20 years and knows every spring and brook where you are likely to get a rise. He is generally employed as guide and cook for tourists visiting the many fishing grounds in this locality and will be pleased at any time to give information concerning them."

Just opened at R. B. Porter & Co.'s 150 pieces Hamburg at half price

#### Lower Brighton Items

April 3, 1888

Our lumbermen have returned from the woods and are busily preparing for driving.

Elder Morang has held some good meetings, and wanderers have been reclaimed.

Another of our young ladies, Miss Adeline Willett, has fallen a victim to death's dart, through that dreadful disease consumption. She bore her sickness with Christian patience, longing for the close of life.

We have lost one of our enterprising farmers, Mr. Dolphus Nixon, who has sold his farm to his brother, Mr. Richard Nixon, and has purchased a large farm in Maine. He will be much missed in this community.

Our day school teacher, Miss Louise Noble, has returned from Boston, where she spent the Winter, and has taken charge of the school again.

Our Sunday School was reorganized on the first of the month, and Mr. Bruce Brown was elected Superintendent.

#### The Queen's Sympathy.

A letter of sympathy, written by Queen Victoria to the sister of the late General Gordon, in 1885, has recently been published. In this letter the Queen says:—

"Not having been resoned, that the promises of support were not fulfilled which I so frequently and constantly pressed on those who asked him to go, is to me grief irrepressible; indeed it has made me ill. My heart bleeds for you, his sister, who have gone through so many anxieties on his account, and who loved the dear brother as he deserved to be."

And further—"Would you express to your sisters, and to your elder brother, my sympathy, and that I do so keenly feel the stain left upon England for your dear brother's cruel, though heroic, fate? Ever dear Miss Gordon, yours sincerely and sympathizingly, V.R.I."

These reflections, on her Government, by the Queen, and the present publication of the letter is variously commented upon.

#### Town Council.

The Council held a session on Monday evening; absent, Couns. Dibblee and Drysdale. His Worship informed Board that the railway mortgage had been paid and cancelled.

Bank debit balance reported at \$827.11.

His Worship stated that the school trustees complained that the charge for water to the schools was too high, and the matter was referred to the Water Committee to report on.

Permission was granted the Assessors for town, appointed by County Council, to examine the town assessment book.

On motion it was decided not to renew the policy of insurance on Town Hall for \$1500, falling due on the 15th inst.

The question of additional police was referred to the Police Com., with power, if committee deem it advisable, to employ not more than one additional policeman.

On motion, the Finance Com., was instructed to call on the Police Magistrate for returns.

Coun. Gibson called attention to the necessity for a new Lock-up, when it was understood that the committee would examine into the matter and report.

The following bills were ordered paid: Imperial Oil Co., \$42 83; Royal Electric Co., \$24 60.

On motion, the Electric Light Com. were directed to have a lamp placed in engine room and used until further notice; and also to enquire and report when the light at Post Office, sent for repairs, will likely be returned.

The Marshal was directed not to collect tax levied on Geo. T. Holyoke, last year, as he was then a minor.

Adjourned till Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

#### Easter Concert.

The members of the Albert Street Baptist Sunday School gave a very pleasing concert in their church on Easter evening. The attendance was large, and every one present was delighted with the character of the entertainment and the manner of its performance. The Supt. of this flourishing school, Mr. W. S. Saunders, presided, and Mr. Lett manipulated the organ. The following programme was rendered, all taking a part discharging their duty well:—

Organ Voluntary; Chorus, Portals of glory, School; Responsive reading, Supt and School; Prayer, Mr. Sherwood; Solo and chorus, Bring offerings, Miss Annie Fisher; Recitation, Easter Eve, Carrie Marshall; Recitation, The calm of blessed night, Blanch Chase; Recitation, The hushed tomb, Miss Vanwart; Song, Joy and gladness, School; Responsive reading, Supt. and School; Singing, Infant Class; Recitation, The day breaks in the East, Annie Parker; Recitation, Who shall roll the stone away, Mrs. Lee; Recitation, Bright Easter skies, Miss Rene McGibbon; Recitation, God's love and care, Miss Clara Leighton; Singing, by School, Christ is reigning; Quartette, by Mrs. W. W. Hay, Miss Fisher and Messrs Letts and Steeves; Chorus, The rising King, School; Easter offerings (the collection); Recitation, The day the Lord hath made, Lillie Clark; Recitation, The Lord's promise, Alice Sherwood; Recitation, The holy day of gladness, Lu. McGibbon; Recitation, Whispers of love, Miss Fisher; Singing, Shall we gather at the river, by congregation; Duet, by Mrs. Hay and Miss Fisher; Reading, Miss Cynthia Veysey; Solo, Miss Black; Recitation, The Master's call, Miss Boyer; Singing, The prospect of heaven, by the congregation. There was to have been an address by the Pastor, but his illness prevented.

#### Literary Notices

The numbers of *The Living Age* for March 24th and 31st contain 'The Culture of the Horrible'; Mr. Haggard's Stories, *Church Quarterly*; The Death of Abdul Aziz and of Turkish Reform, and The Swarming of Men, *Nineteenth Century*; Beauty, Composition, Expression, Characterization, *Fortnightly*; Nationality, and Garibaldi's Memoirs, *Contemporary*; Horace Walpole and Madame du Deffand, *Temple Bar*; Poor General Wolfe! *Gentleman's*; Some Clerical Reminiscences, *Cornhill*; Fires in Cotton, *Economist*; Ostrich Farming in South Africa, *Saturday Review*; Musicians as Musical Critics, *St. James's*; Our Neighbors, the Moors, *Times of Morocco*; with installments of "The Waiting Supper" and "Monsieur le Cure," and poetry.