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EDITORIAL NOTES. We are greatly pleased to be able to announce that next week's HERALD will contain the opening chapters of a new story written expressly for the HERALD, by the talented lady, Mrs. Beatrice McGowan.

THE NEWS. The careful News has during the past week devoted much valuable time and not a little very valuable space in defending Mr. Blair against what it mildly calls a misrepresentation of his recent political utterances.

THE FATHER MATHEW ASSOCIATION. The Father Mathew Association advise that their second public meeting will be held in St. Malachi's Hall, on Tuesday evening.

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THE HERALD FOR 1878.

It shall be the aim of the publishers of this Journal to extend its popularity and make it during the coming year every way worthy of the patronage of the public. During the year just passing, we have received very many flattering commissions from our subscribers in all parts of the Province expressing their approval of the manner in which the HERALD has been conducted since its inception.

THE MAGISTRATE AND THE COUNCIL.

In his letter to the Telegraph, this week, the venerable Stipendiary Magistrate, our esteemed citizen, H. T. Gilbert, Esq., respectfully refers to that Curry-Flaglor-Dunlop assault case, in consequence of the attitude taken by the seven celebrities of our generous Common Council, backed by the worthy Chairman of a Board.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

SALE OF STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS.

M'CAFFERTY & DALY, Corner of King and Germain Sts.

During the month of December we will offer our whole Stock of Dry Goods at a genuine reduction of 20 Per Cent. from our usual prices.

BLACK DRESS SILKS. We have a very fine Stock of Black Dress Silks, in Bonnet's, Tullier's, Adams', Jeune's, &c., &c., and at the prices we now offer them, they are undoubtedly the greatest bargains in first-class Goods ever offered in St. John.

SHAWLS. We have the largest and best assorted, and Handmade Stock of Wool Shawls in St. John, and we have them for sale at a very low price, and for this month only offer them at a further reduction on the usual price.

SUNDRY SMALL THINGS. We have a very fine Stock of Sundry Small Things, in Bonnet's, Tullier's, Adams', Jeune's, &c., &c., and at the prices we now offer them, they are undoubtedly the greatest bargains in first-class Goods ever offered in St. John.

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INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. MONDAY, 16th inst. The NIGHT EXPRESS BETWEEN ST. JOHN and HALIFAX will leave ST. JOHN at 7 1/2 P.M. on Monday, 16th inst.

PHILLIPS & SHURPHY, House and Ship Plumbers, GAS-FITTERS, &c., 18 Church St., St. John, N.B.

TOYS AND DOLLS! WHOLESALE. MY CHRISTMAS STOCK for Wholesale is now complete in every line. Toys will be sold at a special price to suit the times.

BIRTHS. At Harding Cottage, Prince street, Carlisle, 7th Dec. Mrs. Maria Miller, of a daughter.

MARRIED. In this city, on the 6th inst., by Rev. Howard Stoddard, Mr. John Currie, of Boston, Mass., to Miss Ada H. Woodley, of St. John, eldest daughter of Edward Woodley, Esq.

DIED. In Portland, on the 6th inst., after a lingering illness, a beloved wife, aged 77 years.

THE GLASGOW MERCHANTS have struck against a proposed reduction in wages from 8d to 7d per hour. Three years ago 3,000 men were working in Glasgow, and the present number is 12,000.

THE LONDON LANCET announces as the champion heavy-weight Mr. William Campbell of Newcastle-on-Tyne. He weighs over fifty-two stone (728 pounds), is six feet four inches high; measures round the shoulders ninety-six inches, and round the waist eighty-eight inches.

MEETING. BATHING ASSOCIATION. The Bathing Association will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, 15th inst., at 10 o'clock, at the Bathing Association's Hall, on BUNDAY street.

W. B. DELLA TORRE & Co. have just received a large stock of Fancy Goods, Toys, &c., and are now opening them out at a very low price.

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