Poetry.

THE WORLD OF LIGHT.

BY MUHLENFEG.

Since o'er thy footstool here below,
Such radiant gems are strown,
O! what magnificence must glow,
My God, about thy throne;
So brilliant here those drops of light,
There the full ocean rolls, how bright!
If night's blue curtain of the sky,
With thousand stars inwrought,
Hung like a royal canopy,
With glittering diamonds fraught,
Be, Lord, thy temple's outer veil,
What splendor at the shrine must dwell!

The dazzling sun at noontide hour,
Forth from his flaming vase,
Flinging o'er earth the golden shower,
Till vale and mountain blaze,
But shows, O Lord, one beam of thine;
What, then, the day where thou dost shine;

Ah! how shall these dim eyes endure
That noon of living rays?
Or how my spirit so impure,
Upon thy glory gaze?
Anoint, O Lord, anoint my sight,
And robe me for that world of light.

Miscellaneous.

WHAT HE HEARD.

"Have you heard the news?"

"No; what is it now?"

"Squire Dunham is gone; was found dead in his bed this morning; was carried off by a stroke of apoplexy."

"He was one of our prominent citizens. He will be greatly missed."

"I'm not at all certain about the last remark. In my opinion there'll be but very few mourners at Squire Dunham's funeral. He was a hard old customer, from first to last; and all he thought of or cared for, was to make money. He was shrewd enough at a bargain, and always got the best of it; but I think you'd have to go a long way to find the man, woman, or child that's any the worse off 'cause 'Squire Dunham has finished his days."

"It's a great pity he couldn't take any of his bank stock or real estate with him. I tell you, my friend, after all, it's a losing operation to have all one's property in what goes for nothing on the other side. They want a different kind of coin there."

"That's a fact. I reckon 'Squire Dunham has learned some new truths by this time."

The above conversation took place in a city car, just as the night was falling, so that the passengers could scarcely discern one another in the dim twilight. The speakers were two plain talking men, in the prime of their years; and the conversation was suddenly cut short, for the car stopped at the street-crossing, and the friends hurried out together.

In the seat behind them sat an old man, of somewhat portly figure and dignified presence. He had a hard, cold sort of a face—a face which no tender sympathies, no high and noble purposes, no earnest unselfish strivings for right and truth, had softened or spiritualized; and looking into the keen gray eyes, under the shaggy eyebrows, a heart that had gone to them for pity or mercy, would have been turned away. Beneath lay no sweet, gushing springs of human love—only the cold, hard rock where no flowers blossomed, and from whose bosom gushed no streams gladdening the waste desert of the man's soul.

But it was evident that the old man had been an interested listener to the conversation which had transpired in the seat before him. At the first mention of 'Squire Dunham's name, he had leaned forward, and drank in breathlessly every word which followed; while quick flushes and strange agitation went over the hard thin face. He leaned back so that the men could not catch a glimpse of his features as they left the car, and his reflections went on somewhat after this fashion:

"Well, it's pleasant, that's a fact, for a man to sit still and have his life held up after he's laid in his coffin. I never met either of those men, but it appears that one of them, at least, is pretty well posted up about me, and the estimation in which I am held in public opinion—though he has mistaken my name for Silas Dunham, the old lawyer, who died last night. Complimentary, wasn't it, Stephen Dunham? 'Spose there was a little spite and envy at the bottom of it all, just such as poor folks always have towards those who have got more money than they;—but then—"

At that moment the car stopped in front of the stately dwelling in which the old banker resided. And that "but then" followed him into his house, and sat down with him at his solitary supper-table; and after it was through, these words were the text which the roused conscience of the man took up and preached to him after this wise: "But then, Stephen Dunham," it whispered, as the rich old miser walked up and down the gorgeous parlors of his lonely home, "you know that what that man said about you was true. There is no use getting aside of it, for he hit the nail straight on the head.

You know, too, that your object and aim in life has been to make money, and that there isn't a human being above ground who would have reason to shed a tear if you were laid beneath it. You've got money, as that man said. You generally get the best of a bargain, but, after all your half million that you delved your whole life to get together, wont pass for anything in that world which you are getting pretty near now; and, as there's nobody to mourn you here, it isn't likely that you will have any welcome there."

And here 'Squire Dunham sat down in his velvet arm-chair, by his marble table, and his thoughts went back through the long winding path of the years of his youth. His boyhood—his glad, careless boyhood, came back to him. The gentle, loving mother, the young, sweet face of his sister, rose up before him, and he saw the little brown cottage where his life came up to him. The old apple tree in front was frosted with the blossoms of May; and he stood there with Hetty, his little sister, and her laugh, sweet as the mountain brook, was in his ears, and her little, round, plump arms were about his neck. How she did love him, that little sister Hetty, over whose sweet face had grown the grass of so many summers—how proud she was of him! and he could see the little golden head dancing out of the house every night to meet him, when he came home from his work.

Stephen Dunham's mother was a poor widow, and he had his own way to work in the world. He had risen step by step in his native town, and he saw at last that greed of money had taken possession of him, until every other wish and purpose of his life had been swallowed up in the pursuit of riches.

He was still a young man when he came to the city, but he brought with him the title of "'Squire," which he had borne for three years. He took to himself a wife, the daughter of a rich man, and she brought him a hundred thousand dollars for her dowry; but in a few years death had summoned her away, and she had left no children whose soft, sweet voices, calling him "father," should melt the cold heart that knew but one love, and that was money.

All this 'Squire Dunham thought of, as he sat alone by his table, with the bright light of the chandeliers gilding the gray head that rested on his hands; and he thought, rich man that he was, that his money didn't pay; that after all, the great object of life had been, as the man said, a "losing operation," and he longed to feel that in the wide world there was one human being who would be sorry to hear that he was dead—one human being, man, woman, or child, who would say, "I am happier this night because you are on earth."

And in the midst of want and yearning, a sudden declaration flashed across the mind of 'Squire Dunham. He rose up and walked again to and fro with his hands behind him, and his forehead knit with perplexing thought, and a variety of emotions floating over his face. But suddenly he stopped, and set down his foot resolutely. "I'll do it—I will do it this very night!" and he went into the hall and took up his cane, and passed out into the street, contrary to his usual habit—for the night was dark and cold.

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"Did you see Mr. Minor, Henry?" It was a faint, mournful voice which asked this question, and the speaker was a pale, sad-faced woman, whose sunken eyes and hollow cheeks at once told you she was an invalid. The chamber where she sat was very poorly furnished, but everything was neat. A small fire was burning in the grate, and a solitary candle on the stand.

"No, mother; Mr. Minor won't be at home for a week," answered the boy, slowly, as though he disliked to communicate the news. He was a slender, delicate looking boy, apparently in his twelfth year.

"It is my last hope," said the mother, looking despairingly on the thin hands which lay in her lap. "There is no way to pay the rent, and the agent said if I wasn't ready when he called to-morrow, we must go into the street. What will become of us, my poor children? I'd hung on to Mr. Minor's getting back, he was so kind to your father before he died; but my last hope is gone now. I could have earned the money, if it hadn't been for this sickness, brought on by steady sewing, but to-morrow we must go into the street." She said the words with great tears slowly chasing themselves down her pale cheeks.

"Don't cry, mother; I earned a shilling this afternoon, selling papers, and bought you and Mary each a nice orange," interposed the boy, trying to speak in a bright, hopeful voice.

And now a small hand was thrust out for the fruit, and a little voice said, earnestly, "O! mother, don't let us feel bad, now we've got the oranges."

At that moment there was a loud rap at the chamber door, which startled the little family; but Harry was not long in ushering into the room an old gentleman, who inquired if Mrs. Carpenter resided there.

His glance took in the room and its three occupants, and after taking the seat which Harry Carpenter brought him, he said:

"I am 'Squire Dunham, and I called here to say, Mrs. Carpenter, that I would not press the matter about the rent; that if you could not meet it, you might stay here, and I would not trouble you."

A flash of joy went over the three faces, but the mother broke down into a sob. "O, sir, God in heaven will bless you for this!" and they were the sweetest words which Stephen Dunham had heard for many a day.

But before he could answer, his gaze was attracted to a small, wistful, upturned face in the corner; and its sweet blue eyes, and the golden gleam in its brown hair, were like that which shone away off in the morning of his boyhood, the face of his sister Hetty.

As his gaze met the little girl's, she rose up and came toward him.

"You wont send mamma, and Harry, and me, into the street, will you?" she said, in her sweet pleasing way; "'cause we can't live there when the wind blows, and the rain comes, and the great carriages will go over us; and mamma's sick, and I am a little girl, you know; and Harry isn't big enough to do anything but sell papers."

"My child," said 'Squire Dunham, "you shall never go into the street!" And his voice was not quite steady, and there was a strange moisture about his eyes. He took the little girl on his knees, and she nestled her bright young head on his shoulder, chattering away to him, and thinking what a good, kind man 'Squire Dunham was!

The landlord remained some time with his tenants. Many kind words and promises cheered them, for that little head rested softly against his heart, and warmed and gladdened it; and before he left 'Squire Dunham bent down and kissed the little girl, and left two ten-dollar gold pieces in her chubby hand.

He went home that night a happier man than he had been for years, sure that three hearts beat lighter because he was in the world.

And the lesson that Stephen Dunham learned that night going home in the cars took deep root in his heart, and brought forth much fruit.

THE GIRL WHO WISHED HERSELF A CAT.

A STORY FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

'I do not see, mother, why you wish me to work every day,' said little Fanny. 'You know I do not like to read and sew always.'

'I think it right for you to learn to sew,' said Fanny's mother, 'so that it may be of use to you when you grow up. You do not wish to live an idle life, I hope?'

'No, mother; but I love to play so well now, and I do not see why I cannot learn to sew when I am older. I do wish I was a cat!' she said, as puss ran before the door; then I might play always.'

'Well, Fanny,' said her mother, 'if you wish, I will let you be a cat for one week.'

Fanny gave a laugh. 'O, how funny that will be! Do you really mean what you say, mother?'

'Yes,' said she; 'not that you can be turned into a cat, but you may act as if you were one, and I will try to trust you as if you were one.'

Fanny put down her work. 'What fun I shall have! Let me see; what shall I do first? I think I will take my ball and have a nice play in the yard.'

When the bell rang for tea she came in, and was going to take her seat at the table.

"No, no,' said her mother; 'pussy does not eat with us. You may go out to the cook, and she will give you some bread and milk.'

Fanny did not like this very well; still she did as she was told, and when Betty had given her the bread and milk she went to bed.

When Fannie went to bed, her mother used to go with her, to ask God to bless her, and to see that she was nice and warm in bed; but this night Fanny went to bed all alone, with no kind mother to pray with her, or to cover her up. 'Cats do not need to pray,' said Fanny to herself. 'That must be why mother did not come up to me. I don't know, after all, that I shall like to be a cat.'

The next day, while busy at play, she saw a lady, of whom she was very fond, come up the walk. 'I must go in and see dear Mrs. Bell,' she said; 'she may have come to take me home with her.' But as she came to the door she heard her mother say, 'I am sorry I cannot call Fanny; as she wants to be a cat this week, I cannot let her come in to see you.'

Fanny went away, for she knew her mother would do as she had said. It made her feel very cross to be shut out of the room. Still she did not like to go to her mother and say that she was tired of being a cat, as it had been but two days since she had made the wish.

The next day was Sunday. She had been used to go to Sunday school to meet her class, and the kind teacher which took care of it.

Fanny saw that her mother was not going to do as she had always done; that is, wash and dress her, and then get her book for her, and help her to learn her lesson. So she went up to her, and put her arms around her neck, while the tears ran down her face.

'Mother! dear mother!' she said, 'do not treat me as a cat any more. I want to be your own child again, and have you talk to me and pray with me as you used to do. And now, mother, I see that I was not made to be idle, and play always; and I shall be glad to sew whenever you tell me.'

'It makes me glad,' said her mother, to hear you speak in this way;" and now that you are tired of being a cat, you will be my own dear daughter Fanny again."—*The Children's Paper. London.*

ENNIS & GARDNER'S Retail Price List SKELETON SKIRTS.—APRIL, 1863.

Children's and Maid's Tied, White and Grey.					
3 Spring	9 cents.	7 Spring	21 cents.	11 Spring	33 cents.
4 "	12 "	8 "	24 "	12 "	36 "
5 "	15 "	9 "	27 "	13 "	39 "
6 "	18 "	10 "	30 "	15 "	45 "
Child's and Maid's Wove Gore, White and Grey.					
4 Spring	20 cents	8 Spring	40 cents	12 Spring	60 cents
6 "	30 "	10 "	50 "	15 "	75 "
Child's and Maid's Wove Gore, Kids Riveted White and Grey.					
4 Spring	24 cents	8 Spring	48 cents	12 Spring	72 cents
6 "	36 "	10 "	60 "	15 "	90 "
Ladies' Clasp, White and Grey.					
7 Spring	21 cents	8 Spring	24 cents		
Ladies' Braid, White and Grey.					
10 Spring	30 cents	15 Spring	45 cents	20 Spring	60 cents
12 "	36 "	18 "	54 "	25 "	75 "
Ladies' Isabella, White and Grey.					
13 Spring	58½ cts	18 Spring	81 cents	25 Spring	112½ cts
15 "	67½ "	20 "	90 "	30 "	135 "
16 "	72 "	23 "	103½ "		
Ladies' Florence, White and Grey.					
15 Spring	75 cents	18 Spring	90 cents	25 Spring	125 cents.
16 "	80 "	20 "	100 "	30 "	150 "
Ladies' Leather Lined Gore Riveted, White and Drab.					
12 Spring	66 cents	18 Spring	99 cents	25 Spring	157½ cts
15 "	82½ "	20 "	110 "	30 "	165 "
Ladies' Kid Gore Riveted, White and Drab.					
15 Spring	90 cents	20 Spring	120 cents	30 Spring	180 cents.
18 "	108 "	25 "	150 "	35 "	210 "
Ladies' Princess Alexandra.					
20 Spring	130 cents	30 Spring	195 cents	35 Spring	228 cents.
25 "	165 "				

Bridal, Empress, Extra Heavy, Whitby and Hinged.
From $1.00 to $4.00.

We are receiving weekly from our Manufactory all the novelties introduced to this market.

TERMS—3 months with 5 per cent. off, or 10 per cent. off for each on all parcels over Ten Dollars. may 1—wi

NOTICE.—The subscriber still continues business at his old stand (formerly occupied by Eaton & Covey), and will be happy to see his old friends and customers, and all orders large and small will be thankfully received. april 15.—wi GEORGE EATON.

PORK, BEEF, FLOUR, Molasses, Porto Rico Sugar, Granulated and Crushed Sugar (Boston A), Tea, Tobacco, Saleratus, and all other Goods usually to be found in a wholesale Grocery. april 15.—wi GEORGE EATON.

Ladies' Spring Walking Boots.—The subscribers invite the special attention of the Ladies of this City and the Province generally, to their splendid assortment of Ladies' Double Soled Spring Walking BOOTS, which they had manufactured during the Winter, and will warrant them to be equal to any ever before offered in this City. Orders from all parts of the Province solicited.
S. K. & G. L. FOSTER,
april 17—wi Foster's Corner.

18TH MARCH, 1863.—Anvils, Bellows, Vices, &c. —On hand—Wright's Patent Anvils; Common do.; Wright's Patent Solid Box Vices; Blacksmith's Bellows, 24 to 36 inch. Also—Boston Belting Company's Rubber Belting, Square, Round and Sheet Steam Packings, Hose; Best Leather Belting, Lacing Leather, best Rivets; Gang and Circular Mill Saws, Long Mill Saws, Cross Cut do.; Mill and Mechanist's Files; Thomson and Sanford's Ship Augers; Clutch Rings, corkscrews and flat.
march 18—wi W. H. ADAMS.

PISCATAQUA FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
[PARENT OFFICE, SOUTH BERWICK, ME.]
Authorized Capital, $500,000. Actual cash capital, $500,000. Charter perpetual. Incorporated 1855. Fire Insurance on Stores, Dwellings, Mills, Factories, &c., &c., &c.
Marine Insurance on Vessels, Freights, Cargoes, &c.
GENERAL AGENCY OFFICE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

THIS Company have filed the Statements required by Act of Assembly. The General Agent is supplied with Policies, Blanks, Statements, and every facility for taking Insurances, and exceedingly liberal arrangements regarding Policies, Premiums, Deposits and Losses have been made, namely:—

Marine Insurance Policies are filled out, and issued by the Agent, immediately on receiving the order.

Premiums are the same as are usually charged, and are payable in sums under £10, cash, from £10 to £15, 3 months, from £25 to £50, 4 months, over £50, 6 months.

The following Agents in the principal Towns in New Brunswick issue Policies against Loss and Damage by Fire:

John Richards,	Fredericton,
J. C. Winslow,	Woodstock,
E. B. Forbes,	Richibucto,
W. S. Smith,	Dalhousie,
George Calhoun,	Hopewell,
J. C. Harper,	Bay Verte,
W. T. Rose,	St. Stephen and Calais,
Joseph Crandall,	Moncton,
E. B. Ketchum,	Hillsborough,
J. R. Bradford,	St. Andrews,
D. L. Hanington,	Dorchester,
A. J. Weston,	St. George,
H. W. Ra'dwin,	Bathurst,
Edward Williston,	Newcastle.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Robert Stubs,	Amherst,
W. H. Blanchard,	Windsor,
W. Y. Foster,	Bridgetown,
Edwin Bent,	Digby,

Marine Policies are issued by
Feb 7. O. D. WETMORE, General Agent.

GENTLEMEN'S DRESS BOOTS.—For Dinner and Evening Parties.—The subscribers have just opened a handsome assortment of Gentlemen's English and French Manufactured Dress BOOTS, for Evening Parties.
S. K. & G. L. FOSTER,
feb. 6.—wi Foster's Corner.

GENERAL LEATHER AND FINDING STORE.—Constantly on hand, a large and well selected Stock of English, French, American, and Domestic Leather and the Findings, at the lowest possible prices for Cash.
J. J. CHRISTIE, 55 south side King-street.
P.S.—All orders attended to with punctuality and dispatch. J. J. C.
Dec. 5, 1861.—wpi.

BRUSHES.—The Subscriber has received a good assortment of Whitewash, Paint, Marking and Window Brushes, from the Manufactory of White & Son, Portland
May 27.—wpi. F. E. LACHES, Prince Wm. st.

CHARLES A. HOVEY, No. 12, North Market Wharf, has now landing and will sell low—200 bbls. "Superior" FLOUR; 200 bbls. "Louisear" do.; 20 bbls. Superior Family Flour; 5 do. Extra Rye do.; 100 do. Corn Meal; 10 do. White Beans; 10 do. Mess PORK. Also—a full stock of General GROCERIES. march 21—wi

FRESH ROLL BUTTER.—200 rolls very choice Fresh Butter, from Sherwood's dairy, just received and on sale at the Grocery Mart, four doors North of the Country Market, 26 Charlotte street.
may 16. LESTER BROS.

OIL—OIL—OIL.—MECCA LUBRICATING OIL.—12 barrels of the above just received. This Oil is now universally pronounced to be the best lubricating Oil in the market for Railroads, Steamboats, Mills, Factories, and all kinds of Machinery. It is the pure Green Rock Oil, and is not reduced or adulterated by any chemical preparation whatever, which is the fault with many of the cheap Rock Oils now flooding the market. It is as free from smell, and as clear from grit or dirt as Lard or Sperm Oils, and from thorough practical tests made by reliable Engineers and Mechanics, on Locomotives and steamboats, in Machine Shops and Factories, it has proved to be the only reliable lubricating Oil that will keep bearings cool, and will not gum. It is not affected by hot or cold, which makes it the best for winter or summer use; will last much longer, and is equal in every respect to Sperm or any other Oil. These qualities, with the low price at which it is offered to consumers, makes it the most desirable article in use. Adequate testimonials of its character can be given by those who have used it. For sale by
CHAS. A. HOVEY,
No. 12 North Market Wharf,
may 26.—wi Agent for St. John and vicinity.

SHINGLES.—Another lot of first rate Cedar Shingles, received and for sale at low rates, by
S. T. BOURWELL, Britain-street.
June 4—wpi 86 Mill East Boston steamboat landing.

NEW GOODS!—NEW GOODS!!—Davies & Marshall, 87 King Street, have received a general assortment of Staple and Fancy DRY GOODS, personally selected in the Home Markets.
FANCY DRESS GOODS.—A splendid stock of the above at 87 King Street.
EMBLIS WORK, Traced Children's Dresses, and a general assortment of Stamped Work, 87 King Street.
MANTLES.—A large assortment of Tweeds and Silk Mantles, quite new, 87 King Street.
PARASOLS—37 King Street.
SEA SIDE BARAGES, 11 Cents—87 King Street.
A large assortment of MUSLIN WORK, very cheap.
DAVIES & MARSHALL,
may 29—wi 87 King Street.

THE CRAIG MICROSCOPE—is the name of a Microscope recently introduced into public notice. It is a compound Microscope, and one of its greatest recommendations is the facility with which the focus may be adjusted. It magnifies about 10,000 times, and costs, with 6 beautiful mounted objects, $6. For sale by T. H. HALL,
may 26—wi Colonial Book Store.

FISHING RODS.—A few very superior Fishing Rods. For sale by
may 27—wpi F. A. COSGROVE.

MELODEONS! MELODEONS!! MELODEONS!!!—The undersigned has just received from the manufacturers, a very fine assortment of Melodeons and Seraphims. They comprise Instruments from the celebrated manufactory of Geo. A. Prince & Co, combining all their latest improvements such as the graduated swell, divided swell, bass tenuts, &c.
Also, Melodeons made by Taylor & Farley, and Dearborn, Severance & Co., which will be sold at unusually low prices, for Cash.
N. B.—Purchasers will find it to their advantage to examine my assortment before purchasing elsewhere.
T. H. HALL, Colonial Book Store,
may 7—wi Corner King and Germain-streets.

WELCH'S FOOD FOR CATTLE.

TO Farmers, Livery Stable Keepers, and all persons who own stock, this Food will be found invaluable. It not only possesses extraordinary fattening properties, but is most health-restoring and invigorating. To Horses and other stock, suffering from Influenza and other Catarrhal complaints, the use of this food *for one month* will be found most efficacious. It will also flush the milk in Cows. Numerous Testimonials have been given in Great Britain, but a few received since its establishment in this city, will suffice for the present:—

47, Prince William Street, St. John, N. B,
February 20th, 1863.

DEAR SIR—I have much pleasure in complying with your request, and you are authorized to attach my name to a Certificate, to the following effect:

Twenty-five pounds of your Food were given according to directions, to my Cow, and the result was an improvement in condition, and in the quantity and quality of milk. The exact increase in quantity I am not prepared to say, probably not more than two quarts per day.
Yours truly,
E. Welch, Esq. BOIES DeVEBER.

Union Street, St. John, N. B., Feb. 20, 186 .

DEAR SIR—I have used your "Food for Cattle" for two months, and am much pleased with it, and my Horses have done well upon it, as also my Cow.
I remain truly yours, JOHN McSWEENEY.

St. John, N. B., March 16, 1863.

DEAR SIR—I have found the effect in the use of your Food on a Cow, to increase the flesh and enrich the quality of milk, in the short time of two weeks.
Yours respectfully, ANDREW HASTINGS,
To E. Welch, Esq. Paddock Street.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 20, 1863.

SIR—I hereby state that I approve of your "Food," from the benefit my Cow has derived from its use, and am of opinion that it is extra for fattening and milk.
I remain, Sir, truly yours,
CHARLES McLAUCHLAN.

St. John, N. B., January 26, 1863.

MR. E. WELCH: *Sir*—I have tried your "Feed," and have no hesitation in recommending it as an excellent article to put flesh on Horses. TIMOTHY CUSACK,
Drayman.

St. John, December 24, 1862.

MY DEAR SIR—I have no hesitation in strongly recommending the use of your "Feed for Horses," having succeeded in fattening one of my Horses with it when all other means had failed. Yours truly,
E. Welch, Esq. W. BAYARD, M. D.

Further particulars known, on application to No. 52 Dock Street, Saint John. April 28, 1863.

THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, 92 Lombard-street, London, and Royal Insurance buildings, Liverpool.
Chairman of the London Board.—SAMUEL BAKER, Esq.
Chairman in Liverpool.—CHARLES TURNER, Esq.

The Royal Insurance Company is one of the largest Offices in the kingdom.

At the Annual Meeting held in August 1859, the following highly satisfactory results were shown:—

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The most gratifying proof of the expansion of the business is exhibited in the one following fact—that the increase alone of the last three years exceeds the entire business of some of the existing and of many of the recently defunct fire insurance companies of this kingdom.

The Premiums for the year 1855 being.....£180,060
While the Premiums for the year 1858 are..... 196,148
Showing an actual increase of..... 66,088
or upwards of 50 per cent. in three years.

The recent returns of duty made by Government for this latter year (1858) again show the "Royal" as more than maintaining the ratio of its increase as stated in former years. Only one among the London insurance offices exhibits an advance to the extent of one-half the increase of the Company, while all the others respectively fall far short of the moiety of its advance.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

The amount of new Life Premiums received this year is by far the largest received in any similar period since the commencement of the business, and must far exceed the average of amount received by the most successful offices in the kingdom. The number of policies issued in the year was 852, the sum assured £887,752 6s. 3d., and the premium £12,554 5s. 4d. These figures show a very rapid extension of business during the last ten years. Thus:—

Years.	No. of Policies.	Sums Assured.	New Premiums.
1848	98	£45,764 17	£1,380 9 1
1850	199	90,650 9 11	2,937 4 7
1852	422	181,504 10 6	5,826 5 0
1854	498	161,843 13 4	4,694 16 0
1856	798	297,560 16 8	8,850 3 11
1858	852	887,752 6 8	12,554 5 4

The remarkable increase in the business of the last four years is mainly consequent upon the large bonus declared in 1856, which amounted to no less than £2 per cent. per annum on the sums assured, and averaged 80 per cent. upon the premiums paid.

PERCY M. DOVE, Manager and Actuary.
JOHN M. JOHNSTON, Secretary to the London Board.

All descriptions of property taken at fair rates, and Fire losses paid promptly on reasonable proof of loss without reference to the head Establishment.
JAMES J. KAYE, Agent for New Brunswick.
Princess-street,
Feb. 15 opposite Judge Ritchie's Building.

DOMESTIC MANUFACTORY, FOSTER'S CORNER.—Ladies' Glove Kid Elastic Walking Boots;
Ladies Calf Kid Elastic Walking Boots;
Ladies Glove Kid Balmoral Walking Boots;
Ladies Calf Kid Balmoral Walking Boots;
Ladies Serge Walking Boots;
Ladies French Serge Dress Boots;
Ladies Francilia Rose Boots; Ladies White Satteen Boots;
Ladies Kid, Satteen, and Patent Slippers;
Ladies Double Soled Walking Shoes;
Misses and Children's Boots, of all qualities.
We warrant our manufactures to be equal to the very best in the Province, and customers are specially invited to call and inspect. For sale Wholesale and retail.
Feb 18—wi S. K. & G. L. FOSTER.

EARTHEN AND STONE WARE.—Received per ships Arcacus and Travenoure, from Liverpool—FIFTY CRATES of the above, in seven styles and patterns, comprising—Tea Sets, Dinner and Breakfast Sets, Toilet Sets, Blue and Brown Printed Wares, in all the usual variety required in a Crockery Store, wholesale and retail, at the lowest possible rates for cash. THOS. CLERKE,
feb. 5—wi 42 King Square.

FLOUR.—200 bbls Flour, Napier and other good brands For sale by
may 27.—wi CHAS. A. HOVEY.

DUNDAS MILLS, NAPIER MILLS.—Landing ex schr Youth from New York: 200 brls Dundas Mills Flour; 100 do Napier Mills do.. At lowest rates of the market.
may 27.—wi HALL & FAIRWEATHER.

FAMILY FLOUR.—100 brls superior Family Flour, at a moderate cost above price of common brands State Flour. For sale by
may 27.—wi HALL & FAIRWEATHER.

GILT AND STONE WARE.—Received per late arrivals: a large assortment of Tea, Breakfast and Dinner SERVICES; best quality White Granite, in plain, figured and gilt; Toilet Wares, various patterns; a general supply in blue and brown Prints; Moss Rose Ware &c. Will be sold very low for Cash. THOMAS CLERKE,
Feb. 25—wi 42 King's Square.

THE Richest and Rarest stock of SCOTCH TWEEDS and FANCY DOESKINS, ever opened in this city. All purest Wool and choicest fabrics.
Feb 26.—wi A. & I. GILMOUR, 10 King street.

CHEAP DRY GOODS!—Spring Stock now complete—Call and examine.—New stock of Dress Stuffs, a great variety; New stock of Shawls and Mantles; New stock of Bonnets and Hats; New stock of Flowers and Feathers; New stock of Ribbons, Veils, Hair Nets, &c.; New stock of Hoop Skirts, very cheap; New stock of Flannels and Blankets; New stock of Cotton Goods in great variety; New stock of Woollen Goods, in great variety; New stock of Linen Goods, in great variety; New stock of Silk Goods in great variety; Broad and Narrow Cloths, all kinds, suitable for men's and boy's wear, remarkably cheap; Silk, Velvet, Marseille and Fancy Vesting.
Hats, Caps, Neck Ties, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Hosiery, Braces, Umbrellas, Trunks, Valises, Travelling bags, &c.
Also—One of the largest, cheapest and best assortments of Gents' Shirts, Fronts, Collars, and Under-clothing to be found in New Brunswick.
Wholesale and retail buyers will please call and examine.
Imperial Buildings, 3 King street.
may 9.—wi SIMON SEALIS.

BUTTER.—Just received from York, Carleton County—7 Packages Prime Butter. For sale low by
J. W. HAMILTON,
may 15—wi 9 South Market Wharf, corner Ward st.

NEW GOODS.—MAY, 1863. Horsfall & Sherman have received by steamers America and Europa, and sailing vessels Island Home and Lampedo—An assortment of New and Fashionable GOODS, suitable for the season. They invite particular attention to the undermentioned—Dress Goods, in Silks, Barages, Chalies, Delaines, Mohairs and Lustres; Shawls, new styles Felled, Black, and Coloured, Fancy, &c.; French Kid Gloves, good and cheap; Ribbons, Buttons, and Trimmings; Hosiery of all kinds; Ladies' Corsets, Laces and Collars; Cloths, Doeskins, Tweeds, and Coatings; Demasks, Reps, and Curtain Trimmings; Lenc and Lace Curtains; Carpetings and Druggets; Skeleton Skirts—Ladies' and Girls'; Floor Oil Cloths—English and American.
may 26—w (home) 45 KING STREET.

SODA.—50 bl. brls Carbonate Soda, landing ex Empire Queen from Liverpool. For sale by
may 15.—wi J. D. UNDERHILL.

DAMAGED DRESS GOODS.—40 pieces Spotted Lawn (worth 40 cents per yard) will be sold at 15 cents.
may 20.—wi ENNIS & GARDNER.

NO. 29 Dock St. F. CLEMENTSON has received per ship Empire Queen and other ships from Liverpool, his spring stock of Earthenware, China and Glass. Also, Silk Fans and Crocks, white inside, to which he solicits the attention of wholesale and retail purchasers. A large lot of Hot Water Tumblers on hand; also, Cut and Pressed Tumblers, Wine Glasses, &c. may 15.—wi

FLOUR, Beef and Pork.—Landing ex Mary from New York, 200 brls Napier Flour; 50 brls Mess Beef; 50 do Mess and Prime Pork. For sale by
may 6.—wi J. W. HAMILTON.

TOBACCO.—Landing ex Burtrude from New York, 10 boxes 10's Tobacco. For sale low by
may 15.—wi J. D. UNDERHILL.

TO THE OWNERS OF STEAM FACTORIES.—The subscribers are prepared to furnish HAIR FELTING for covering steam boilers, by the use of which a great saving in fuel is made. On hand, several second-hand STEAM BOILERS, for sale by
may 28.—wpi FLEMING & HUMBERT.

PAINTERS' BENZOLE, JAPAN, AND COACH VARNISH.

NOW landing, ex the J. B. King, from New York:—
2 brls No. 1 Painters' Benzole;
2 do Liastic Coach Varnish.
In store—2 brls Furniture Varnish;
2 do Nos. 1 and 2 Carriage Varnish;
20 gallons Asphaltum Varnish; 20 do Damar do;
18 do London Body Varnish; 10 do Walnut Stain;
1 can Spirit Varnish; 1 can Gold Size. For sale by
may 21.—wpi T. B. BARKER.

PARTICULAR NOTICE.—Dr. Benjamin Leary respectfully announces to the public, that he will continue his Practice at his Rooms, in Crawford's Hotel, King's Square, up to the middle of May, as circumstances will not admit of his leaving as indicated in his last Special Notice in this paper.

Great inducements will be offered to those afflicted with Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Bilious and Liver Complaints, Scrofula or King's Evil, Asthma, Consumption, in its first stage, Rheumatism, in its various forms; and many other diseases too numerous to mention here. Abundant reference given as to his skill in the cure of the above complaints. Persons who may not at present be prepared to take his cure, may at any time after his arrival home, by addressing Dr. Benjamin Leary, Pleasant Ridge Way Office, Charlotte County, New Brunswick. The price of cure and advice will then be put down at the low figure of three dollars. It will be absolutely necessary that patients should describe symptoms of complaint from its commencement. All communications to Dr. Leary must be prepaid, or no notice will be taken of them. Answers by return of mail. BENJAMIN LEARY.
St. John, N. B., May 6, 1863.

FASHIONS FOR 1863!—HAT, CAP, AND FUR STORE, 27 KING STREET.—Received per steamers Canada and Corsica from England, a large stock of HATS and CAPS, newest styles, which will be sold at a small profit, wholesale and retail.

Also, 1 case Gentlemen's Waterproof Rubber Coats, a first rate article, warranted to give satisfaction. A Silk Waterproof Coat you can carry in your pocket.

To arrive per Lampedo—A large assortment of Gents' Black Satin Hats, London style, Drab Hats, Felt Hats, Cloth Hats, &c.

The above Goods were personally selected by the subscriber, at Cash prices, in the best houses in the trade in Great Britain.

We have on hand and are constantly manufacturing large quantities of Hats and Caps, which for quality and durability, style and cheapness, we defy any house in the trade in this Province to compete with us.

A call from intending purchasers is respectfully solicited.

Hats made to order by the Conformateur Measure. Caps of any style made to order at short notice. Cash and highest prices paid for Shipping Furs.
april 22.—wpi A. MAGEE, 28 King street.

ORANGES AND HAMS.—Hourly expected ex schr. Ocean Wave, from Boston—100 Boxes choice Sweet Oranges; 25 bbls. about 5,000 pounds, choice Sugar Cured Hams. For sale low on arrival.
JOSHUA S. TURNER,
may 15—wpi 22 Water-st.

DRY HOUSE.—The subscriber has just built a Dry House, for Clapboards and Shingles.
Always on hand—Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Clapboards, perfectly dry. Also—Sawed Pine SHINGLES, of all qualities. For sale at very lowest market rates. M. T. BREWER,
Britain St., 3d Wharf East of Boston Steamboat Landing.
jan 21—wipv

FRESH SEEDS.—The subscriber has received from London, per Canadian steamer at Portland, his usual Spring supply of GARDEN and FLOWER SEEDS, consisting of the best and most popular varieties of Cabbage, Cauliflower, Carrot, Turnip, Beet, Peppergrass, Lettuce, Onion, Raddish, Spinach, Celery, Peas, Beans, Mangel Wurtzel, Parsley, Parsnip, Salsify, Sage, Thyme, Sweet Marjoram, Summer Savory, &c., &c. These Seeds being obtained direct from the seed-growers in London, can be warranted fresh and good. F. E. LACHES,
Druggist, No. 86 Prince Wm. street,
mar. 27—wrpi adjoining McMillan's Book-store.

EXHIBITION.—The small Oscillating Steam Engine, sent by the subscribers to the great International Exhibition, London, having been returned, is now on exhibition at their Office, and is offered for sale at a moderate price. This engine having received honorable mention by the Committee of Examiners, requires no further remarks respecting the workmanship.
FLEMING & HUMBERT,
feb 4.—wip Phœnix Foundry.

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feb 4. BARNES & CO., Prince Wm. street.

NEW BOOKS.—Appleton's Mechanical Dictionary; Ure's Dictionary of Arts, Manufactures, and Mines; Clarke's Commentary on the Bible; Worcester's Dictionaries; Pitman's Phonography; Pitman's Phonography Readers; McKenzie's 5,000 Receipts; Fowler's Phrenology; Chambers' Information for the People; Chambers' Miscellany; Bowditch Navigator; Nautical Magazine for 1862; Silas Warner (by Author Adam Bede); Dickens Child's History of England; Life Columbus, by Irving; Young Ben Franklin; Mahew's Wonders of Science; Self Made Men; Golf Help (by Smiles); Chemical History of a Candle; and a large variety of Juvenile Books, in every kind of Binding. (Dec