

St. Thomas News.

On Sunday, Eugene Farrington, alias "Klinker Bill," forced an entrance into the premises of the St. Thomas Bay Rum Co., Ltd. and made away with seven or eight bottles of Bay Rum. He was chased and captured, and is now in jail. Another victim of Prohibition.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Oct. 12th.*

We are sorry to learn, that yesterday morning during the coaling of the American ss. 'Eastern Victor' out at the docks of the West India Co. Ltd., that two female labourers were injured, one of them rather seriously, through the instability of one of the coaling stages. The woman badly injured, the mother of several fatherless children, was at once rushed by 'bille' to the Hospital. Such accidents are very regrettable, and, if true, better care ought to be exercised for the protection from injury, of the labourers.

The ship wanted 1,500 tons of bunker coals, but got only 700 tons, and went to St. Lucia for the remainder.

She is bound to Sebastopol, and other Russian Black Sea ports.—*Ibid.*

The sugar market is weakening daily, and all around us sugar is being sold at prices which, if not as low as in the good old days, yet are very encouraging to the working man, and the consumer on the whole.

We hear that St. Croix is somewhat upset over the drop in sugar price, but cannot understand how so can be the case. We must all be interested in cheapening the high cost of living; if any single element of the community is not thus interested, then it is not working on healthy lines.

It is said, that ordinary brown sugar is selling at 24 cents a pound in St. Croix, in the very place where it is manufactured. We do not know if this is so. But if correct, the people in St. Croix ought to kick about it, and import sugar from Porto Rico, where it can most likely be bought at one third the said price. The Government should be able to assist such a movement, when it is clearly seen that the population is being exploited through unduly high prices.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes Oct. 14th.*

BARBADOS NEWS.

September has given us good rainy weather, but still the planters cry is for more rain, and the last few days have been comparatively dry. Soaking rains are still badly needed, for in spite of the showers for the month the under soil is still hot, and the springing of the newly planted corn is weak. The cane crops are very backward, although good fields are to be seen in St. Joseph, St. Andrew's and parts of St. John. Else-

where, the canes are not higher or thicker at this season than they usually are in a good year's July. October will be the test month whether we will have much more than a half crop. In local provisions continue dear, and imported food-stuffs are going up rather than down. This due not so much to scarcity in the market as to the terribly high rate of American Exchange, which has been at a premium of between 41 per cent and 39 per cent. Low prices are impossible under such conditions even if the warehouses were stocked fully. It is understood that there is still a quantity of sugar in the warehouses unsold being held until the New York market recovers, and there are reports that certain dealers have been caught by the sudden fall of the market. The general situation even with reduced prices is however, eminently satisfactory.

The Cable ship Stephen arrived here on 21st and completed the laying of the cable between Maranham and Barbados forming the second section in the Atlantic cable that is to link up North America and South America. But the American Government has not yet given permission for the Barbados Florida Section, the American end of which is buoyed some miles of Miami, to be connected with the shore.—*Barbados Advocate Sept. 28th.*

"EPIGRAMS AND WITTY SAYINGS".

"A maiden is a tender thing" so saith our old friend Tennyson. Why not alter it a bit and make it read: A maiden is a funny thing, here today and gone to-morrow?" And that's so, isn't it? "My, it is surprising how fast the girls do grow up now-a-days !!!"

When a man or woman is lighthearted they are said to be frivolous and therefore not nice company. When they are serious they are said to be gloomy and too boring to be good company. The only way to "go one better" on the crowd is to cultivate a permanent grin and then they won't know whether you are laughing with or at them. In this way you'll soon be able to choose your own company.

Woman and wine, Sounds mighty fine; But without money, One stands mighty funny. And so it's no use to pine.

When a woman says "No" she invariably means "Yes" and vice-versa. There's only one time that a woman means what she says—and that's when she says "Yes" to a proposal.

Woman's idea about an ideal marriage is for her to spend the hard earned dollars. Man's idea is to have a comfortable home and a loving wife. But very often it is the pretty maid that does both the spending and the loving !!!

London, Oct. 14th.—A despatch to the Times says that many persons were killed and wounded in various cities of Italy on Thursday during a two hours' strike. Bombs were thrown at several Milan hotels, and eleven were killed and one hundred wounded at San Giouanni.

Havana, Oct. 14th.—Efforts continue to solve Cuban financial difficulties. No definite plan has yet been sanctioned but a modification of the moratorium is expected early next week. It is claimed that President Menocal's decree paralyzed banking operations and affects commerce and industry. Sugar centrals are reducing forces, due to the inability to obtain funds for pay rolls. Havana banks received several millions of dollars from the United States and public confidence is somewhat restored. The hope is expressed in financial circles of the ability to dispose of the remainder of the sugar crop in the United States at ten cents per pound, as President Menocal proposed.

Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 14th.—The Legislative Council has ratified the trade agreement with Canada. Jamaica obtains a preferential duty of fifty per cent on several articles, including sugar. Canada obtains a twenty-five per cent preferential duty in return for a subsidized steamship service, carrying freight at reduced rates, beginning next January between Montreal and Jamaica.

Amsterdam, Oct. 14th.—Stock quotations continued to drop yesterday on sugar, rubber and petroleum. Shipping shares closed below Wednesday's prices. Havana sugar reached the low level of six dollars and sixty cents per hundred pounds. Financiers plan to hold a conference in an attempt to stabilize conditions.

Washington, Oct. 15th.—Associated Press. The sword of "Prince Charlie", worn by him at Court and one of the romantic blades of Scottish history has come to the United States. It is the gift of Lord Garioch, only son of the Earl of Mar, Scotland, to Mrs. Clarence Crittenton Calhoun, of Washington, one of the descendants of the house of Mar on her mother's side. The historic sword was delivered through the British Embassy where it came in care of the Ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes. The words of presentation which accompanied the claymore declare it was sent "in view of the fact that it was for their adherence and loyalty to the cause of the Stewarts that the Earls of Mar suffered so greatly in their estates and fortune that some of the family in exile sought refuge in America.

Philadelphia, Oct. 15th.—Associated Press. The battleship Massachusetts, which fought in the battle of Santiago in 1898, will be towed from Philadelphia Navy Yard to Pensacola, Florida, to serve as a target in a trial of the nation's coast defense artillery against an armoured warship, it is announced.