

THE Editor of the Chronicle pretends to call our brief remarks made a fortnight ago "a defence."

Our friend appears sadly disappointed that his column and a half of weighty matter was not sufficient to induce us to descend into his arena, and engage in an encounter with him.

THE REV. DR. CRAMP has written to inform us that having seen the editorial amende in the Colonist of the 17th inst.

ACCOUNTS by the Steamer Persia arrived at New York, up to the 12th instant, bring no later Indian news that can be depended on.

The English papers still teem with accounts of large commercial failures, both in Great Britain and various parts of the Continent.

Supreme Court.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd.—In the case of Salter & Twining vs. Wm. Full, to endorse fulfilment of alleged contract and the recovery of £800 for the same.

After this had been concluded the case of A. Primrose, (mortgagee for S. Selden) vs. the Halifax Fire Insurance Company, came before the Court, for £400, the amount insured on the Plaintiff's house destroyed on the 1st of January last.

Verdict.—We find that the order to pull down the house had been given, and, as far as it was carried into effect, had been executed before the fire reached the house.

JOSEPH HAGARTY, Foreman.

Latest from Europe.

(By Telegraph to the Reading Room.)

The Steamship Persia arrived at New York on Friday morning. Liverpool dates to the 12th inst.

Late dates from India state 60,000 mutineers had assembled around Lucknow where there had been much fighting, in which Gen. Outram was wounded.

There had been no communication with Lucknow for one month, but it was believed that the fortress would hold out until relieved.

Greatly with 5,000 troops was within three miles of Lucknow.

General Sir Colin Campbell, with 5,000 men, was moving by forced marches to Lucknow.

No new outbreaks are reported.

Troops were arriving at the rate of 2,000 per week.

CHINA.—Preparations for an assault on Canton were being made.

The House of Commons has appointed a special Committee on Bank Charters. Demand for money in London diminishing. Discount rate lower than Bank.

Wolverhampton Bank resumed. Gold flowing into Bank of England freely.

Breadstuffs slightly advanced.

Wheat advanced 1d. to 2d.

Consols for Account 91 1-8 to 91 3-8.

General Intelligence.

Foreign and Domestic.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, Dec. 19, 1857.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be members of the Honorable the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, provisionally, until the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure—Alfred Whitman, Esq., of Annapolis, and Robert B. Dickey, Esq., of Amherst.

To be Masters in the Supreme Court in King's County—Charles W. H. Harris; Stephen H. Moore; James R. Prescott, Esquires.

To be a Notary and Tabellion Public—Henry W. Smith, Esq., of Liverpool.

SUICIDE.—On Saturday afternoon a woman was seen to jump over the wall which separates the old Dutch Burying Ground from the street, and run towards the middle of the Burying Ground.

A MANIAC AT LARGE.—About noon to-day some alarm was caused in our streets by the following incident. An insane soldier confined in the Military Hospital, sprang out of his bed, made his escape from the Hospital, passed the sentry and guard, and rushed in the wildest manner down into the town, with nothing upon him but his nightcap and shirt.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—On Tuesday evening Professor Hill lectured in Temperance Hall, before the Young Men's Christian Association, on Sacred and Profane History. The day was wet, and so continued until about the hour of meeting, making the atmosphere dark and lowering, and the walking quite unpleasant.

THE INLAND NAVIGATION COMPANY have advertised the Canal from Dartmouth to the Basin of Minas as completed and ready for traffic on the breaking up of the ice in the Spring.

STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCE.—A communication appeared in the Colonist on Saturday, stating that:—"On or about the night of the 6th inst., some persons unknown, turned into the pasture of Mr. William Young, Lower Horton, a small Bay Mare—with two little white feet, a white spot on the forehead, as also one on the nose, and left by the side of the road a two-wheeled carriage or car, and by the fence, a Carriage Harness and whip, and an Over-coat, with a Shirt in the pocket. Up to the 16th inst. no clue was had to any explanation of this affair, which is involved in mystery, and leads to the suspicion that there has been some wrong doing in connection with it.

The Western News gives account of a fire destroying the smithy of Messrs. Wm. & James Carleton, involving them in a loss of not less than £200. Circumstances lead to the conclusion that it must have been the work of an incendiary. There was no insurance on the property.

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Letters Received.

Ward Eaton, Esq., 10th, £5. Gideon Cogswell, 11th, £2. R. Wooden, 9th. W. H. Rogers, 12th. Rev. James Reid, 16th, 20s. Rev. James Spencer, 19th & 29th. J. Soley, 23rd. Rev. Obed Parker, 23rd, £2. Joseph Sibley, 23rd, 1 sub. Asaph Marshall, 23rd, 25s. Abel Strong, 19th, 10s.

ERRATUM.—We are sorry to find that in the report of the late Exhibition at Acadia College, given in our last issue, our compositor made an omission of a line of the MSS., making it read as follows:

MUSIC. The Marsellaise.

John T. Payzant, Falmouth.

Whereas it should have been:

MUSIC. The Marsellaise.

Literary Criticism. John T. Payzant, Falmouth.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.—We have had laid on our table—

RIMMEL'S PERFUMED ALMANACK: an elegant little gem, from G. E. Morton & Co.

THE AGE AND ITS YOUNG MEN: a lecture, by Rev. John Hunter.

AMUSEMENTS FOR YOUTH: another lecture, by Rev. Robert Sedgewick. Both of these lectures were delivered before the Young Men's Christian Association.

Also, GODEY'S LADIES BOOK, FOR JANUARY, 1858.—This number contains several handsome engravings with a large number of well-written articles, patterns for dresses, &c. &c. Smiles for home, by T. S. Arthur, is a beautiful sketch for domestic life.

NOTICES.

THE Monthly Meeting of the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society will be held in the Vestry of the Granville Street Chapel on Wednesday next, January the 6th, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the Board, S. N. BENTLEY, Secretary.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Baptist Ministers and Churches in Queen's County will be held with the Baptist Church at Port Medway, commencing on Monday, the 4th of January, 1858, at half-past six o'clock, p. m.

Ministering brethren and others are respectfully invited to attend the above meeting.

ROBERT R. PHILP, Port Medway, Dec. 4th, 1857.

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HALIFAX MARKETS.

CORRECTED FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 29.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, Am. spf. per bbl. (30s. a 35s.), Cañada spf. (33s. 9d.), Rye (27s. 6d.), Cornmeal (22s. 6d. 24s.), Butter, Canada, per lb. (11d. a 1s.), N. S. (11d. a 1s.), Coffee, Laguira (9d. a 10d.), Jamaica (3 1/2d. a 10d.), Tea, Congo (2s. a 2s. 3d.), Molasses, Mus. per gal. (1s. 6d.), Clayed (1s. 3d.), Pork, Prime, per bbl. (100s.), Mess (130s.), Segar, Bright P. R., per cwt. (50s.), Codfish, large, per qtl. (17s. 6d.), small (12s. 6d.), Salmon, No. 1, per bbl. (100s.), " 2 (90s.), " 3 (80s.), Mackerel, No. 1 (40s.), " 2 (30s.), " 3 (30s.), Herrings, " 1 (15s. a 20s.), Alewives (17s.), Haddock (12s.), Bar Iron, com. (15s.), Hoop " (22s. 6d.), Sheet " (24s.), Lumber—1 Inch Pine, per 1000 (100s. a 140s.), 1 Inch Pine, (mer.) (60s. a 80s.), Shipping Pine (50s.), Spruce (40s.), Hemlock (35s.), Coal, Sydney, per chald. (30s.), Fire Wood, per cord (21s. 6d.).

PRICES AT THE FARMER'S MARKET, DEC. 29.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Fresh Beef, per cwt. (35s. a 40s.), Oatmeal (17s. 6d.), Pork, Fresh, per lb. (4d.), Veal (3d. a 4d.), Lamb (3 1/2d. a 4 1/2d.), Bacon (none), Butter (1s. 1d. a 1s. 2d.), Cheese (1s. 3d.), Eggs, per dozen (2s. a 2s. 6d.), Poultry—Chickens (2s. 3d. a 2s. 6d.), Ducks (2s. 6d. a 3s.), Turkeys, per lb. (7d.), Calf-skins, per lb. (7d.), Yarn (2s. 6d.), Potatoes, per bushel (3s.), Plums (none), Apples, per barrel (17s. 6d. a 18s. 9d.), Homespun Cloth, (wool) per yard (2s. 6d.), Do. (cotton and wool) (1s. 7d. a 1s. 9d.).

WILLIAM NEWCOMB, Clerk of Market.

DEAR SIRS:—We began selling Perry Davis' Pain Killer with very little on our part; sales were small at first, but as it became known in our community, the demand increased very rapidly, far beyond our expectations, and every person that bought it would come after more, and speak in the highest terms of it as a valuable remedy for all those diseases your pamphlet spoke of.

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Married.

At Hammond's Plains, on the 24th instant, by the Rev. T. H. Porter, Mr. Jacob Smith, of that place, to Miss Margaret Ann McKay, of Halifax.

At Cole Harbour, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Shreves, Mr. Edward H. Bell, to Miss Elizabeth Gaston, second daughter of John Gaston.

At North Sydney, C.B., on the 17th instant, by the Rev. Robert Arnold, Mr. David Corbet, Merchant, to Ada Dora McLaughlin, sixth daughter of Samuel Blant, Esq., all of that place.

At Liverpool, Oct. 14th, by the Rev. T. A. Higgins, Mr. John D. Freeman, to Miss Amanda, daughter of Mr. William Barnaby, of Liverpool.

At the house of the bride's father, Oct. 29th, by the Rev. Obed Parker, Mr. John H. Milnor, to Miss Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Aaron Potter, Esq., of Clements.

At the house of the bride's father, Nov. 26th, by the same, Mr. William R. Rice, to Miss Mary Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Israel Dunn, of Hillsbourg, County of Digby.

At Lower Granville, at the residence of the pastor, Sept. 30th, by the Rev. James Spencer, Mr. Israel Hudson, to Miss Nancy Reed, both of Parker's Cove. At the residence of the bride's father, Lower Granville, Oct. 22nd, Mr. Thomas Delap, to Miss Sarah Ann Kennedy. Oct. 28th, Mr. William Henry Yeargale, of Hillsburg, to Miss Margaret Jane Merry, of Lower Granville. At Granville Ferry, Nov. 9th, Mr. James Moody, of St. John, N.B., to Armanella Young, of Granville, N.S. At Victoria Beach, Dec. 10th, Mr. Alexander Durling, to Miss Francis Ann Johnson, both of that place.

Died.

On Sunday, the 20th inst., Moses Alexander Dry, in the 90th year of his age.

On the 22nd inst., Mr. James Morrison, after a long and protracted illness, in the 56th year of his age.

At the residence of Mr. Robert Romans, on the 25th inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Grinton.

At Londonderry, on the 6th inst., Richard Spurgeon, son of Mr. Benjamin and Eliza Carter, aged 11 months. At Charlottetown, P. E. I., on the 9th instant, Mr. George Godsell Thresher, a native of Salisbury, Great Britain, in the 78th year of his age.

At Tracadie, on the 7th inst., Johanna, wife of the late Patrick Davis, aged 61 years, a native of County Wexford, Ireland; she leaves a large number of friends to mourn her loss.

On the 1st inst., at Roschall, West River, Pictou, where she was much and justly esteemed, Jessie, wife of Hugh H. Ross, Esq., aged 40 years.

Shipping List.

Arrived.

TUESDAY, Dec. 22nd.—Brigs Spanish Main, Dobie, Falmouth, Ja., 18 das.—T. C. Kinnear & Co; Roseway Belle, Wilson, St. John's, Nfld., 10 days—Salter & Twining; Velocipede, McDonald, New York, 6 days; schrs Blue Nose, Locke, Newfoundland, 10 das.—T. S. Tobin; Wave, Adams, do, 13 days—B. Wier & Co; Speedy, Boston, 24 days—T. C. Kinnear & Co; Charlotta, Leblanc, P. E. Island, 10 days; British Queen, Portland, bound to Newfoundland; Isabella, Hadley, Guysboro.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd.—Schrs Sylvia, Young, Lunenburg, 16 hours; Lunenburg Packet, Westhaver, do; Ranger, Doane, Jamaica, 25 days—G. H. Starr & Co; brig Rose of the West, Langenburg, Ponce, P. R., 23 ds.—N. L. & J. T. West; Union, McLearn, St. John's, Nfld., 10 days.

THURSDAY, 24th.—Brigt Boston, O'Brien, Boston, 2 days—Young & Hart—25 passengers; brig America, Meagher, do—B. Wier & Co—20 passengers; schr W. A. Henry, New York, 5 days—Young & Hart.

FRIDAY, 25th.—Brigt Cordelia, Griffin, Kingston, Ja., 22 days—Salter & Twining.

SATURDAY, 26th.—Schr Joseph Binney, Shelburne—T. C. Kinnear & Co.

MONDAY, 28th.—Brig Pearl, Walters, Liverpool, N. S.—bound to Newfoundland; schrs Amazon, Aigle, Boston, 4 days—do; Resident, Crowell, Sydney, C.B., 6 das; Lochiel, Graham, Georgetown, P.E.I.—Black, Bros. & Co; Challenge, Walters, Turks Island, via Shelburne—H. Lyle.

Cleared.

MONDAY, Dec. 21st.—Schr Friendship, Yates, Sackville, N.B.

TUESDAY, 22nd.—Brig Florida, Arestroup, Jamaica.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd.—Brigs Agenorina, Murphy, Br. West Indies; Nugget, Doane, Havana; schr Ocean Wave, Seaboyer, Newfoundland.

THURSDAY, 24th.—Schr Water Witch, Hunt, B. W. Indies; Labrador, Dowles, F. W. Indies; brig Beauty, Creighton, B. W. Indies.

SATURDAY, 26th.—Brigt Mary, Mahoney, Cuba.

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