

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave: and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse. My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood: (Surely in vain the net is spread in sight of any bird): And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives. So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof."

It is our painful duty to record another dreadful scene in the Mispick tragedy. On Sunday last the body of a man named Henry Stewart was discovered in the woods in the vicinity of Little River bridge. It was brought to the city early on Monday morning, and a Coroner's inquest immediately summoned. It was conjectured at once that the deceased had been murdered, as the head was completely severed from the body, although others thought that from the length of time it had been exposed—upwards of six weeks—this would naturally happen. The mystery, however, was speedily solved. Young Slavin, who is now in confinement for life in the Provincial Penitentiary, on being questioned by the Keeper, Mr. Quinton, made a full confession yesterday of the circumstances connected with the death of the unfortunate man. It appears that Stewart was one of the gang of ruffians engaged in the murder of McKenzie and his family. It was his duty to guard against Slavin and the others being surprised at their horrid work; and for that purpose he was stationed in the woods in the neighborhood. He was subsequently employed to carry a tin box, supposed to contain money and valuables; but Breen and Slavin became fearful of his disclosing their villainies, or perhaps envious of his share of the spoil, and resolved to put him out of the way. Breen, therefore, plied him with liquor, and while under its influence, led him into the woods and then murdered him.—Church Witness.

The following confession of the elder Slavin was published in the St. John's Freeman:—

"I, Patrick Slavin, feeling the hour of my execution close at hand, wish it, as a last request, that the public be informed, after my death, that I am now penitent, and acknowledge the heinousness of my crime and the justice of my punishment. I desire to return thanks to the Sheriff, Mr. Johnston, for any kindness he has shown to me, so great a criminal, so far as was consistent with his duty; I also thank Mr. Willis, Mr. Thomas and others who were in charge over me, for any kindness and sympathy they have shown me. I feel grateful both to my clergyman, for their persevering attention in bringing me to a proper knowledge of guilt, and in making me sensible of my Religion, and of the Divine Mercy; and also to those ladies who consoled me by their advice and religious instruction. I die forgiving every one in this world, especially those whose duty it is to carry out the ends of justice; and as I forgive, so I hope to be forgiven, trusting in the goodness and unbounded mercy of my Divine Redeemer; and may my wicked life and melancholy end be a timely warning to others who neglect their duty to God and Religion. Signed in my cell in the Jail, December 10th, at 10 o'clock at night.

PATRICK (his mark) SLAVIN.

In presence of Patrick J. Carey. Witness—Thomas Budge.

It appears also to have been the intention of Slavin to have murmured Breen, lest he should divulge further of what he knew concerning the affair.

Much dissatisfaction is expressed in New Brunswick at the extreme tenderness shown to the suicide Breen, and his fellow-murderer Slavin, for allowing the Sisters of charity liberty to visit them almost without limit, taking them food different from the regular prison fare, putting them in other cells than those intended for such criminals, and covering their chains to prevent their clanking.

Canada.

In the action against the G. Western Railroad Company, to recover damages for the death of Mr. Alexander Grant, caused by the terrible accident of the Desjardins Bridge lately tried in Canada, the action was brought by Mrs. Elizabeth Grant, the widow of the deceased. The jury, after half an hour's deliberation, returned a verdict for the plaintiff—damages as follows: For the widow, \$6,000; for the first child, \$100; for the second child, \$600; for the third child, \$1,000; for the fourth child, \$1,200; for the fifth child, \$2,000. Total \$10,000.

Mr. Allyn, the new Commissioner of Public Works, has obtained from the Executive Council an order authorising the expenditure of £15,000 on public works in Quebec, to assist in lessening the numbers of the unemployed. It is calculated that by this means about 1500 of the unemployed men in that city will be thus provided for through the winter.

We are glad to hear that about fifteen ships of the ordinary tonnage, will be built in Quebec. This will give a large amount of employment to artisans and others, and be a seasonable relief to many, who otherwise would have to encounter severe privations during the winter.

"I have no faith in quack medicines."—Nor have we, friendly reader, but that friend of the sick man, the world-renowned Davis' Pain Killer, will never fail to relieve pain if applied according to directions, faith or no faith.—Sold by Morton & Cogswell.

United States.

Congress met on Monday, the 7th Instant. James Lorr, of S. C., was elected Speaker by a Democratic vote.

The President's voluminous message was then immediately laid before the members; in which he refers to the late commercial crisis, and attributes it to an over expansion of paper money by the State banks. The only remedy proposed is a general bankrupt law for disposing of those suspended. The late difficulty with Britain is referred to, and its settlement by the appointment of a British Minister to Washington. He was not prepared to express an opinion on the settlement of the Central American question. He speaks with firmness on the Mormon question, and recommends the formation of four additional regiments to prosecute the war.

In New York we find a strange admixture of crime of the deepest dye, and genuine religion. The list of crimes we gave last week as having occurred in that city, was but a sample of what we find continues almost daily. Thirteen deaths were reported as having arisen from violent causes during the week ending the 10th inst.

On the other hand the churches are experiencing an unusual degree of christian activity and prosperity. Forty-five baptisms were reported in the city churches, at the Monthly Conference, on Monday the 7th. The following account of the Union Prayer Meeting of the Baptist Churches in N. York, will shew that the deep religious feeling amongst them is producing its legitimate fruits.

"The Lecture-Room was completely filled in the afternoon and evening, and the manifestations of the presence and blessing of God were most cheering. We have rarely attended a more solemn meeting than that of the morning. The humble confessions and importunate prayers bore the impress of the Spirit, and no person could have left the room without feeling that he had been where God was. The services of the whole day were interesting and profitable, to an unusual degree, and before they closed, a cordial invitation from Mr. Nott, pastor of the First church, to hold a similar series of meetings at their house of worship, on the following Wednesday, was, on motion of Dr. Lathrop, pastor of the Tabernacle church, cordially accepted. 'That they all may be one,' prayed Jesus, lifting up his eyes to heaven, 'as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may know that thou hast sent me!'"

"Since writing the above, we have been informed that the Baptist churches in Brooklyn are to hold a united prayer-meeting with the Pierrepont street church this day, (Thursday, the 10th inst.) at 8 o'clock A. M., 3 and 7 P. M.

We find the following in the N. Y. Examiner. "A COMPARISON NOT TO OUR CREDIT.—A Sabbatarian writes to the New York Tribune, complaining that the Collins steamers have habitually disregarded the Sabbath, in their trial-trips and regular departures, alike, and giving repeated instances. He adds that—

"The Cunard line is understood to avoid everything of the kind—not merely out of deference to English public sentiment, or as a matter of principle, but as a measure of safety, humanity to their employees, and profit to the stockholders."

"This, if so, is the worst kind of a nautical defeat. Let them beat us in sailing—we can bear that—but not in reverence for the law of God."

Without any disparagement of our American brethren we may rejoice that our Atlantic steamers are held up to them for imitation in so important a particular as keeping the Sabbath:

A Subscriber to one of our exchanges, on remitting his subscription, says:—

"I am convinced that hundreds upon hundreds of your subscribers are withholding payment just because every one is crying out 'hard times, hard times,' and when they have the money in their pockets, and could just as well pay one time as at another. Small drops make the ocean. Help the editors, we say, if it is hard times. Let not the panic cry of distress cause any one to withhold the trifling sum needed to pay a yearly subscription, from those whose toiling brain and busy hand have ministered so much to our spiritual and intellectual growth and enjoyment."

RESOURCES OF THE MORMONS.—At the order of their leader and prophet, says the Sacramento Age, they can muster 15,000 men, armed with the most effective instruments of destruction. They have many thousands of the finest horses, trained to camp service. They have a foundry where cannon and shells are cast; a powder-mill, and a factory where revolving rifles and pistols are manufactured, equal to those made at Hartford. They have every munition of war, and necessary provisions, and means of transportation within themselves, and even the women and children are instructed in the use of arms. Add to this their geographical position. To reach Salt Lake from the East, it is necessary to pass through a canon of twenty-five miles, under hills, so steep and rocky that a dozen men could hurl down an avalanche of stones on an approaching caravan; and even in the event of several thousand troops reaching the valley, the besieged, with their herds, would take to the mountains, and, reinforced by their savage allies, would in turn besiege their besiegers, and cut off supplies until the invaders had starved out. They have, it is said, 20,000 Indian allies, whom they are ready to furnish with arms and horses on an emergency.

Letters Received.

W. F. Cutten, Esq., 14th, £5. Rev. H. Achilles, 10th, 15s. W. Johnson, Esq., 10th, £4 H. Johnston, 3rd, 20s. Rev. D. M. Welton, 15th. J. L. Tremain, Esq., 18th, 10s. R. Chambers, Esq., 21st, £2. Jephthah Elderkin, 15th, 10s. Rev. J. Chase. Rev. Obed Parker, 16th, 20s. Asaph Marshall, per A. Longley, 9th, 35s. Jas. E. Potter, 14th, 13s 1/4d. John Douglas. W. Churchill, Esq., 16th, 20s. Rev. Jas. Stevens, 17th.

NOTICES.

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.

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. From these recommendations we were induced to use it in our own families, and now continue its use with great satisfaction. We have sold more of the Pain Killer than we ever have since or before of any other medicine in the same length of time; and we do not hesitate to say that it has given better satisfaction to the purchaser than any other article we have ever sold. Hurry of business has prevented our sending certificates; but we have in our vicinity from fifteen hundred to two thousand living witnesses who testify to their neighbors, day by day, of the value of Davis' Pain Killer. Keep a large supply in the West, it is just such a medicine as the people want, and they have already found out that they can cure the Fever and Ague for twenty-five cents. It will cure a cold in one hour—a severe cough in one night—and has proved to be the best medicine in use for a deceased stomach and many other purposes.

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Since my stay in England and France, I have found my old enemy, irritability of the stomach, returning again. I have not found any prescription to afford me relief, and I made inquiries in London for your Oxygenated Bitters, but could not find any. I write now to beg you will do me the favor to send by the earliest steamer to Havre, half a dozen bottles.

An old friend of mine in England, Captain Jackson of the British Army, I found, on my arrival, suffering from Asthma, manifestly the result of dyspepsia. Send an additional half a dozen bottles, I should like to have the Captain try the medicine.

I am not aware that my name is known to you. I have been the resident Clergyman for some twenty-three years, in Sherbrook and Lennoxville, Canada East, to which charge I hope to be able to return in the spring.

I remain, dear sir, your obedient servant,

L. DOOLITTLE.

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Commercial.

HALIFAX MARKETS.

CORRECTED FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 22.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Flour, Cornmeal, Sugar, Coffee, and other commodities with their respective prices per unit.

PRICES AT THE FARMER'S MARKET, DEC. 22.

Table listing prices for fresh beef, pork, lamb, butter, cheese, and other farm products.

Married.

On the 13th inst., by the Rev. James Thomas, Mr. Joseph Welner, of Lunenburg, to Miss Mary Ann Miller, of Dartmouth.

At Falmouth, N.S., on the 14th inst., by the Rev'd. D. M. Welton, Mr. Asahel Fullerton, of River Philip, to Miss Sarah M. Y. Gabriel, of Falmouth.

At Hantsport, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. Wm. Burton, Mr. Thomas M. Smith, to Miss Rubey Jane, daughter of Captain Edward Davison.

On the 12th ult., by the Rev'd. Obed Parker, Mr. William Crosby, to Miss Rebecca Hies, both of Hillsburg. At St. James's Church, Piccadilly, London, on the 24th ult., by the Rev. H. N. Rynd, Mackay Rynd, Esquire, Major H. M. 62nd Regt., to Eliza Sarah, widow of the late J. C. W. N. Taylor, Lieut. R. N., and eldest daughter of Charles Twining, Esquire, of Halifax, N. S.

At Peterboro', Canada West, on the 18th ult., by the Rev. H. Brent, Mr. John F. Albro, of Port Hood City, to Isabella, second daughter of Captain Purdon, of Queenstown.

Died.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., after a lingering illness, Captain Edward Day, late of the schooner Sultan.

On the 17th inst., Sarah Margaret, daughter of John and Sarah Twohill, aged 2 years and 10 months.

On the 18th inst., John R. Cleverdon, watchmaker, of this city aged 44 years.

At the Poor's Asylum, on the 11th inst., Catherine McCormack, aged 45 years, a native of Ireland.

At Pictou, on the 11th instant, Mr. David Crichton, aged 51 years.

At Tatamagouche, on the 12th inst., the Rev. Robert Blackwood, of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, in the 72nd year of his age, and in the forty-first year of his ministry.

In Windsor, on the 26th ult., Mrs. Curry, wife of Mr. Benjamin Curry, in the 52nd year of her age.

At Mount Denison, Falmouth, on the 2nd inst., Mr. Gideon Reed, in the 82nd year of his age. For many years he was a member of the Baptist Church of this place. His end was peace.

On the 1st ult., of consumption, in the 21st year of her age, Emma M., wife of Mr. J. B. Read, of Manudie. During her protracted illness she was cheerful and resigned, and in death calm and triumphant.

At Roxbury, Mass., on the 18th ult., in the 67th year of her age, Mrs. Margaret Cunningham, youngest daughter of the late Mark Ruth, formerly of this city.

Shipping List.

Arrived.

TUESDAY, December 15th.—Brigt Sarah, Hopkins, Turks Island, 16 days; schrs Margaret, Odell, Newfoundland, 6 days.—J. & M. Tobin; Mary, Balmoe, Sydney; Tickler, do.

WEDNESDAY, 16th.—Brigt Arab, Mason, Kingston, Ja., 30 days—Esson, Boak & Co; schrs John Silver, Carbonear, Nfld—do; Union, Muirhead, P. E. Island; Active, Leblanc, Canso; 1 day; Three Brothers, Sydney.

THURSDAY, 17th.—Brigt Richard Cobden, West, Sydney; French packet schr Oronoque, St. Pierre, Miq., 6 das.—G. H. Starr & Co; schrs Seafower, P. E. Island; Gipsy Queen, Terio, do.—W. J. Coleman & Co; Echo, Sydney; R. M. S. America, Lott, Boston, 35 hours—79 passengers, 21 for Halifax.

FRIDAY, 18th.—R. M. S. Canada, Lang, Liverpool, 12 1/2 das—114 passengers, 55 for Halifax; brig Plantagenet, Cardenas, 43 das—bound to London; schrs Lilla, Fraser, Mayaguez, 17 days—J. A. Moren; Magnet, Sydney; Commerce, P. E. Island—Black, Bros. & Co. SUNDAY, 20th.—Brigs Frank, Jones, Kingston, Ja., 27 ds.—T. C. Kinnear; Advalorem, Doane, Matanzas, 16 days—Salter & Twining.

MONDAY, 21st.—Brigt Velocity, Affleck, Porto Rico, 21 das.—W. Full; schrs Mountaineer, Sterling, P. E. Island—McLean, Campbell & Co; Mary Jane, Terrio, Bay Chaleur, 1 1/2 days—Allison & Co; Challenge, Robertson, Sydney, C. B., 6 days; Angelica, LeBlanc, P. E. Island, 8 days—Black, Bros. & Co; Ocean Star, McDonald, P. E. Island, bound to Boston,—is leaking badly—about 4000 bushels oats and barley much damaged; Petrel, LeBlanc, Arichat—Esson, Boak & Co; Napoleon, Leslie, Spring Harbour—J. H. McNab & Co; Victoria, Leslie, do—do; Mars, Rood, Falmouth, Ja.—D. Cronan.

Cleared.

MONDAY, Decr. 14th.—Schrs Telegraph, McNab, Newfoundland; Hiram, Brown, do; Amagent, Nicholson, Charlottetown.

TUESDAY, 15th.—Planet, Crowell, Cuba; Hero, Crowell, Br. W. Indies; Charles, P. E. Island; Gad, Campbell, do; Elizabeth, Leet, do; Rapid, do.

THURSDAY, 17th.—R. M. Ss. Merlin, Hunter, Bermuda and St. Thomas; Ospray, Sampson, Newfoundland; America, Lott, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, 18th.—R. M. S. Canada, Lang, Boston; packet barque Halifax, Laybold, Boston.

SATURDAY, 19th.—Milo, Darby, Jamaica.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THE Co-Partnership heretofore existing under the style and firm of FRASER, LYLE & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business matters of the firm will be arranged by HUGH LYLE, who has assumed the same, and all parties indebted to said firm are requested to make payment to said Hugh Lyle who only is authorized to give discharge therefor.

GEORGE FRASER, CHARLES W. LYLE, JNO. C. DRUMMOND.

Halifax, Dec. 18, 1857. 2 w.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber in assuming the business formerly carried on by FRASER, LYLE & CO at Lylo's Wharf, begs to notify the Public and those indebted to the said firm, that he will arrange the business of said firm, and requests that all parties indebted to them will make an early liquidation of the several amounts due by them, as he alone is authorized to give discharges therefor.

HUGH LYLE. Halifax, December 18, 1857. 2 w.

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