

Important Intelligence from India. ARRIVAL OF THE "AFRICA."

NEW YORK, 11th Jan, 1858. The Steamship Africa, from Liverpool, G. B., Saturday, Dec. 26th, arrived at this port yesterday (Sunday), with three days later news than that brought by the Atlantic.

Advices to Dec. 4, per Telegraph, from India bring the important and gratifying intelligence that Lucknow, after a desperate struggle, was relieved on Nov. 19. Sir Colin Campbell has been wounded, but not severely. Twenty-four of the Royal Family of Delhi and a powerful rebel leader, have been put to death, the fate they so justly deserved.—Additional British troops continued to arrive at Calcutta, and are being rapidly pushed forward to the seat of war. British troops everywhere successful.

Considerable improvements in monetary matters in Britain. Commercial affairs fast assuming a healthy aspect. Bullion continues to increase largely. The rate of discount has been lowered to 8 per cent. Consols quoted at 93 1/2.

Breadstuff Market dull and inactive—prices unaltered.

Tea market steady and firmer. Coffee flat.

Sugar—Prices have risen from 6d. to 1s. per cwt.

Cotton Market presents indications of greater activity and prices have improved materially.

No continental news of importance.

General Intelligence.

Foreign and Domestic.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, Dec. 31, 1857.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint Samuel P. Fairbanks, Esq., to be the Commissioner of Crown Lands in this Province.

The Provincial Legislature is summoned to meet for the Dispatch of Business on Thursday the 4th of February. All persons concerned are directed to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

An alarm of fire was made on Friday morning about 8 o'clock. The streets were covered with ice, and in a most dangerous state. The fire was soon extinguished, but we regret to learn that Mr. Wm. Longard and Mr. J. R. Willis, two active firemen, were seriously injured by a hose reel in Jacob Street.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held yesterday, before Samuel Gray, Esq., Coroner, on the body of John Horn, of the South East Passage, who was found dead in his boat near the western shore of the harbour, nearly opposite Woodside. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased had left Halifax that evening, about 6 o'clock, apparently in good health, alone in his boat, and that he was not seen again until discovered by two of his neighbors, who had observed his boat and the body of the deceased hanging out of it. The Jury were led to believe that he fell across the gunwale of the boat with his head in the water whilst in a fit. Verdict accordingly.—Sun.

SUPREME COURT, Monday 4th inst.—McKay vs. Sothorn, for services in superintending the enlargement and repairs of the theatre known as "Sothorn's Lyceum." The testimony was conflicting, and the Jury could not agree upon a verdict and were discharged.

A series of causes in which the City of Halifax was Defendant, next came on for trial. The Plaintiffs in these causes were persons owning property through which the railway passed and having, in some instances, not been allowed anything, and, in others, not what they considered a sufficiency by the Jury appointed to assess railway damages, they brought their actions against the County. In the first, Hamilton the Pltff., obtained a verdict of £35; in the next, Fenety recovered £159 damages. In the third, Allen obtained judgment for £135 and interest from 1854; next Davis obtained a verdict for £15; then Davison recovered damages to the amount of £190; Fleming got a verdict for £40; and, last evening, Donaldson obtained a verdict for £600, being only £50 more than the Jury for the assessment of Railway damages allowed him in the first instance.

THE LATE HON. S. B. ROBIE.—At a meeting of the Bench and Bar, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.—

Resolved, That this meeting has heard with deep regret of the death of the Honble. Simon Bradstreet Robie—long an ornament of this Bar, and for many years its oldest member, and formerly Master of the Rolls of the Court of Chancery of this Province. That though owing to the great age to which he had attained, and his retirement long since from professional and official duties, some may have a less personal acquaintance with his eminent character and qualities; yet many can still with admiration call to mind, and all, from his well earned and high reputation, acknowledge, the learning, abilities, and zeal—the strong good sense—the clear mind—the sound judgment—the upright and honorable bearing, and the spotless integrity, by which he was ever distinguished at the Bar—in the Bench—in the Legislature, and in private life.

Resolved, That as a mark of their regard and esteem, the Bench and Bar will attend the funeral of the deceased on Thursday next, the 7th inst., and will wear crape for one month.

ACCIDENT TO THE DARTMOUTH STEAMBOAT.

—On Monday evening as the steamer was coming into the dock a brigantine came in contact with her larboard paddle-box, carrying away a good part of the Ladies' cabin. Several ladies were inside, and one or two were considerably bruised by being struck by the unceremonious bowsprit. Dresses and bonnets, happily, were more injured than their owners. Mercifully no bones were broken. Several of the passengers got on board the brigantine. It was feared that the concussion had injured the steamboat so as to render it unsafe to return to Dartmouth. However after examination and waiting about an hour, she was found to have sustained no injury below.

ANOTHER VICTIM.—On Monday morning a woman in the north part of the city, in a state of drunkenness, is said to have set fire to her bed and burned herself to death.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—Quite a new feature is now introduced into what have hitherto been considered, the private gatherings of this secret organization. On Monday evening a number of the wives and daughters of members of the Order, were initiated as "LADY VISITORS" of the Mic-mac Division. This is the first Division in the City which has opened its doors to any but "Sons."

The ceremonial of initiation is one of a very pleasing character. They are afterwards admitted to the Division-room by a private password of their own. Those only are eligible for election who sustain the relation of mother, wife or sister to a member of the order. The room was well filled with members. It was announced that a social festival would be held on Monday next for members of Divisions only, when refreshments both material and intellectual would be provided. Tickets of admission 7 1/2 each.

A QUESTION FOR THE DEBATING SOCIETIES.

—In the City Police Report of Friday last, we find the names of three men charged with "drunkenness and lying on the street." They were each fined 5s. or imprisonment for 10 days. This is rather a heavy payment for such poor accommodations as the streets afford at this time of the year. The Report does not state whether they obtained the liquor of persons "authorized by law" to sell it, or not. We would suggest to the Debating Societies a subject which they might well bring forward for discussion. Which should be fined most heavily, the drunkard or the drunkard-maker? Who is the drunkard-maker, the drunkard himself, or he that supplies him with the liquor.

THE HALIFAX MECHANICS' INSTITUTE was opened on Wednesday last. Hugo Reid, Esq., is engaged to deliver a course of eleven or twelve lectures on several interesting subjects. Mr. Reid has a popular style of lecturing, and will doubtless command good audiences.

Most of the popular Topic Medicines contain more or less Alcoholic Stimulants, which prevents their general use. The Oxygenated Bitters being entirely free from every intoxicating quality, give a healthy tone to the digestive system.

Commercial.

HALIFAX MARKETS.

Table with columns for goods (Flour, Cornmeal, Bread, etc.) and prices. Includes sub-section 'CORRECTED FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 12.'

PRICES AT THE FARMER'S MARKET, JAN. 12.

Table with columns for goods (Fresh Beef, Oatmeal, Pork, etc.) and prices.

Letters Received.

R. Chambers, Esq., 4th, 2 subs., 20s. W. Eaton, Esq., 1st, 1 sub., and 2nd, 1 sub. Rev. J. Chase, 2nd and 5th, £2.—The charge was 18s. 9d. each. Isa. Tharber, 28th, 1 sub., £3 15s. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 31st, 5 subs., £2. John Wheelock, 31st, 20s. Rev. Jas. A. Stubbert, G. Creed, 30th. Rev. R. R. Philp, 1 sub. P. W. Weatherbe, 4th. P. F. Foster, 28th. Rev. W. Chipman, 28th, £2 3s. 9d., per Rev. Dr. Cramp. John Bradshaw, 4th, 1 sub., £2. Samuel Hunt, Dec. 19th.—Letter of the 11th, with £1 17s. 6d., received and credited as directed. Obadiah Parker, 31st, 2 subs., £2 5s. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 20s. W. S. Crowell, 2nd, 4 subs., 20s. J. B. Worthylake, 4th, 30s.—W. H. only owed 1857.—Shall we credit the whole to him? Asaph Marshall, Jan. 5th, 1 sub., £5. James Craig, 5th, £2. W. Churchill, Esq., 2nd, 25s. Capt. Joseph Rogers, 31st, £2. W. H. Everett, 4th, £4. Dr. H. Shaw, 4th.—Many thanks.—We shall try and deserve your expressions of satisfaction. G. Knowlton, 27th, 12s. 6d. Rev. Jas. Parker, 4th.—The 2 subs. acknowledged in C. M. should have been 3.—It was, as you supposed, a typographical error. Jas. M. Atkinson, 7th.—Much obliged. Rev. Jas. Reid, 4th, 1 sub. Rev. W. Chipman, 5th, 1 sub., £2. Rev. Chas. Randall, 6th, 20s. Rev. J. C. Morse, 5th, 25s.—W. B. paid to June 19, '57. Gains Lewis, 24th, 1 sub., 10s. Joseph D. Marsters, 7th. Thomas Willett, 4th, 10s. George Bigelow, 5th. John Bowden, 5th. Rev. W. Hobbs, 4th, 20s. Rev. W. Hall, 4th. Jas. B. McNutt, 7th, 30s. F. Layton, 3rd.—Have not a copy now.—Will send soon as they arrive. Abel Strong, 4th. J. W. Basse, Esq., 8th. Simon Fitch, Esq., 7th.—Will write.

NOTICES.

The Domestic Missionary Board of the Western Baptist Association are requested to meet at Bridgetown, on Thursday, the 21st inst., at 2 o'clock, p. m. W. G. PARKER, Chairman. Nictaux, Jan. 4th, 1858.

A meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College will be held in the college library, on Wednesday the 27th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M. STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Secretary.

INFORMATION WANTED!

MR. EDITOR.—On looking over the Treasurer's account in the Minutes of the last Convention, I observe a charge for Furniture, Wood, Repairs, &c. Can you, Sir, or any of your readers inform me, whether the Wood included in said item was the same as that used by the students in the recitation rooms last winter: if it be, in what item do they receive credit for the money paid by them for such object? Such information will much oblige A FRIEND TO ACADIA.

[We would have preferred that the above question had been sent to the Treasurer or one of the Financial Committee, but as there appears to have been some enquiry on the subject we have given it insertion, as we are sure it can be satisfactorily answered.—Ed. C.M.]

DYSPEPSIA CURED.

From JOSEPH HOXIE, Esq., New York City. NEW YORK, July 31. Gentlemen:—Having suffered many years from repeated attacks of Dyspepsia in its worst form, and almost exhausted my hopes of being able to obtain any permanent relief, I was induced to have recourse to the Oxygenated Bitters, prepared by Dr. George B. Green, for which you are agents. It gives me great pleasure to say, that its effect upon me has been highly beneficial, eradicating the disease, and restoring me to good health; and I sincerely hope that all who may be suffering from that dreadful disease, will be induced to give the medicine a trial, fully believing they will not be disappointed in the result. JOSEPH HOXIE, No. 76 Wall Street.

Such testimony as the above, is entitled to the confidence of Dyspeptics, and proves the efficacy of the Oxygenated Bitters. Mr. Hoxie is well known as a highly respectable citizen. SETH W. FOWLE & CO., 138 Washington Street, Boston, Proprietors. Sold by their agents everywhere. JOHN NAYLOR and MORTON & COGSWELL, Agents, Halifax.

Married.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., by the Rev. P. G. McGregor, Mr. William Derman, of Newport, to Miss Maria Greeno, of Hawden. On the 29th ult., by the Rev. John Hunter, Mr. David W. Archibald to Miss Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. Robert Graham. At Pleasant Valley, Cornwallis, on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, 1857, by the Rev. Dr. Cramp, Mr. Alfred G. Dodge, of Wilmot, to Amelia, daughter of the Rev. William Chipman. At the house of the bride's father, Dec. 31st, by the Rev. Dr. Tupper, Mr. William H. Schofield, of Horton, to Miss Mary Eliza, daughter of Mr. James Downe, of Wilmot. At Guysboro', on the 24th ult., by the Rev. Wm. Hall, assisted by the Rev. J. C. Hurd, James Sangster Nicholson to Sophia Amelia Cunningham, of Guysboro'. At Isaac's Harbour, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. J. C. Hurd, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Hall, Mr. David Clark to Miss Dorcas Silver. At the Ragged Islands, Dec. 16th, by the Rev. Wm. Hobbs, Mr. David Hardy to Miss Ann Brown. Also, Dec. 17th, Capt. Robert Hardy to Miss Mary Flinn. At the Parsonage at Deerfield, Dec. 27th, by the Rev. James A. Stubbert, Mr. George W. Allen, of Milton, Yarmouth, to Miss Mary E. Raymond, of Beaver River. Also, Dec. 30th, at the house of the bride's father, Mr. Lewis Churchill to Miss Sarah, third daughter of Mr. Robert Durkee, Senr., of all Ohio, Yarmouth Co.

At Pictou, on the 31st ult., by the Rev. Jas. Bayne, Mr. John Costly, Classical Teacher, Pictou Academy, to Miss Charlotte Miner, daughter of the late Mr. Daniel Miner, of Pictou. At St. Margaret's Bay, on the 17th ult., by the Rev. John Ambrose, M. A., Mr. Peter S. Mason, of that place, to Miss Sarah J. Mason, of Lunenburg. On the 22nd ult., Mr. David Umlah to Miss Eleanor Bouttifer, both of St. Margaret's Bay. On the 22nd ult., by the Rev. A. W. Basse, Mr. George E. Spurr, of Annapolis Cape, to Miss Charlotte Ilean, third daughter of Mr. Alfred Munro, of Maitland, Annapolis County. On the 29th ult., Mr. William Munro, of Maitland, Annapolis County, to Miss Maria, second daughter of Mr. Thomas Shipley, of Lunenburg. On the 3rd instant, Mr. John William Eisenhour to Miss Rebecca Cecilia, second daughter of Mr. Thomas Currel, both of Lunenburg.

At St. John, N. B., on the 22nd ult., by the Rev. Samuel Robinson; Mr. Daniel Barter, of Windsor, to Miss Margaret Eleanor, second daughter of Mr. John Ferguson, of that city.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 3rd ult., by the Rev. Charles Randall, Mr. Peter Mullen to Miss Susanna, youngest daughter of Mr. Elisha Prime, all of Clare, County of Digby. At St. Mary's Bay, on the 6th ult., Mr. John Andrews, Junr., to Miss Monica Murray, of Liverpool, N.S. At Digby Ridge, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 16th ult., Mr. William Henry McNeill, of Weymouth, to Miss Hannah, youngest daughter of Mr. James Bacon, of the former place. At Digby Ridge, at the residence of the bride's mother, on the 29th ult., Mr. John Taylor Sabean, of Clare, to Cynthia Amanda, youngest daughter of the late Samuel Warne. At St. Mary's Bay, on the 31st ult., Mr. William Henry Wagoner to Miss Mary Eunice, daughter of Mr. Nicholas Teabout.

Died.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., Helen Richardson, only daughter of William and Isabella Williams, aged 6 years and 8 months. On the 2nd instant, Mrs. J. Kelly, daughter of Ann and William Coleman, in the 20th year of her age. On the 3rd instant, Martha, second daughter of Mr. Richard Deal, Dutch Village, aged 13 years. On the 4th inst., Jane, wife of James Grant, in the 68th year of her age, a native of the County of Banff, Scotland. On the 6th instant, Elizabeth Fillis, only surviving daughter of the late John Fillis, Esq., in the 81st year of her age. On the 6th inst., Mary Ann Keith, wife of Edward Keith, 62nd Regt., aged 21 years. On the 7th instant, Mrs. Susannah Dufus, aged 86 years. At the Poor's Asylum, on the 24th ult., William Kline, aged 55 years, a native of Halifax. On the 6th inst., Peter Walsh, aged 17 years, a native of Ireland. At Sambro Light, on the 10th ult., Mr. James Goodwin, aged 80 years and 9 months, a native of England. The deceased had been for over forty years Lighthouse-keeper at that place. At Middle Musquodoboit, on the 30th ult., John Layton, in the 81st year of his age. His end was peace. At his residence Granville, N. S., on the 16th ult., Mr. John J. T. Smith, in the 82nd year of his age. At Yarmouth, on the 17th ult., Mary M., daughter of Mr. E. Lonergan, in the 7th year of her age. On the 19th ult., Alice, youngest daughter of Benj. Rogers, Esq., in the 7th year of her age. At Wanganui, New Zealand, on the 11th August last, Captain Duncan Bazalgette, of the Grenadier Company, 64th Regt., of Foot, son of Colonel Bazalgette, late of this city. At her residence at Weymouth, on the 15th ult., Abigail, widow of the late Peter Cosman, aged 60 years, leaving ten children to mourn. Mrs. Cosman has been a member of the Baptist Church of Sissiboo since July, 1833. She was amongst the first fruits of my ministry in this place, and was the first woman that I ever baptized. She lived the Christian, and died in hope of a glorious immortality.—Communicated by Rev. Charles Randall.

Shipping List.

Arrived. TUESDAY, January 5th.—Drigt. Belle, Stephens, New York, 34 ds; schr. Inkerman, Alkema, Montego Bay, Ja., 19 days.—Esson, Bonk & Co. WEDNESDAY, 6th.—Schr. Canso Trader, Whitman, Antigonish.—P. Power & Co. FRIDAY, 8th.—Schr. Slyphide, McNab, Newfoundland, 8 days. SUNDAY, 10th.—R. M. Steamer Merlin, Hunter, Bermuda, 6 days.—S. Cunard & Co; French pkt. schr. Oronogue, Gautier, St. Pierre, 4 ds.—G. H. Starr & Co; schr. George, Furney, Shelburne.—T. C. Kinnear & Co. MONDAY, 11th.—Brig Kaloolah, Hays, Porto Rico, 15 days.—Salter & Twining; schrs. Julia, (pkt.) Simpson, St. John, N.B., 4 days.—T. A. S. DeWolf; Rival, Shelburne. Cleared. MONDAY, Jan. 4th.—Velocity, Affleck, Porto Rico; schrs. Nettle, Nickerson, Canso; Challenge, Walters, B. W. Indies. TUESDAY, 5th.—Mars, Rood, Falmouth, Ja.; Lilla, Fraser, New York; Ranger, Doane, B. W. Indies; Planet, Larkin, Pubnico; brig Gipsey, Griffin, F. W. Indies; brigts. Velocipede, McDonald, B. W. Indies; Golden Rule, Sampson, Porto Rico. THURSDAY, 7th.—Barque Halifax, Laybold, Boston; schr. Mary, Leblanc, Arichat. FRIDAY, 8th.—Beverly, Blanche, Newfoundland; John Silver, Hilschey, Port aux Basque, Nfld.; John, McKenzie, Newfoundland. SATURDAY, 9th.—Cordelia, Marks, Br. W. Indies; Romp, Swain, Barrington. MONDAY, 11th.—Ospray, Furney, Br. West Indies; Indies; Oronogue, (French mail schr.), Gautier, St. Pierre, Miq.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Of Rich and Elegant SILKS, At an Immense Sacrifice,

IN order to effect an immediate sale of the balance of our Stock of BLACK and FANCY SILKS, we have determined upon offering the same at prices reduced as follows, regardless of cost: FANCY SILK DRESSES. 25 dresses of 70s. reduced to 50s. and 57s. 6d. 21 do 80s. do 57s. 6d. and 67s. 6d. 12 do 85 do do £3 15s. 10 do 85 17s. 6d. do 84 17s. 6d. The above comprise Glaciers, Stripes, and Checks, of latest styles. FLOUNCED AND ROBED SILKS. A very large assortment, former prices ranging to £7, now reduced to £4 and £5 5s. Military Stripe Robes, reduced from £7 to £5 17. 6d. Colored Mohr Antiques, former prices £6 2s. 6d. reduced to £5. BLACK GLACIES AND GROS DE NAPLES. Black Gros de Naples, 3/4 3d. reduced to 2s. 8d. Ditto 3/4 9d. do 3s. 3d. 3-4 Black Glaciers, 4s. 6d. do 3s. 9d. Ditto 5s. 3d. do 4s. 3d. Ditto 6s. 9d. do 5s. 9d. Ditto 6s. 3d. do 5s. 6d. Ditto 7s. 9d. do 6s. 9d. Ditto 10s. 6d. do 8s. 9d. E. BILLING, JUNR. & CO. January 13, 1858.