

STATE OF CHINA.

From China we learn that the Imperial government refuses to accept the terms proposed by England and France, so we may expect to hear of some doings there very soon.

LORD BROUGHAM AND THE COTTON TRADE. Our merchants and many of our best men amongst the ruling class are bestirring themselves to secure more cotton from more varied districts.

denser report, of my services. The ground which I occupied was destitute of baptist preaching, extending fifty miles from Lot 49 to St. Eleanors, including also Cavendish.

I also laboured in Tryon, the interest is promising; two prayer meetings were sustained during the week and one on the Lord's day, when there was no preaching.

Yours in the Bonds of the Gospel, WILLIAM HALL. Charlotte Town, June 6th 1860.

HOME FOR THE AGED.—The Committee of Management of the Home for Aged Females have great pleasure in announcing to the public, that the Institution is established, a house taken in Göttingen Street, and preparations making for the reception of respectable aged persons, over 60 years of age.

This noble project of providing a comfortable and happy home for respectable aged and indigent persons, originated with Mr. William Murdoch, an honorable and successful merchant in this city, who on returning from business, left as the foundation of an endowment for the Home of the Aged, the munificent sum of one thousand pounds.

The Committee of Management, grateful for the support the Institution has already received, and anxious to make it efficient in providing a religious and happy home for the aged in declining years, would now solicit annual contributions from a benevolent public, and any spare articles of furniture suitable for the Home.

Every inmate received into the family must pay £10 per annum; any having an income above this sum, will be required to pay in proportion—and it is presumed that christian friends will be raised up to provide the £10 for those who have nothing to pay.

The institution is commenced in Prayer and Faith, in simple reliance on the Divine Blessing, and in the humble hope that many will be found to befriend the aged and contribute to their comfort and support, in the declining years of Old Age.

The following is the strength of the Volunteer companies, that appeared on parade on the 8th inst:—

Table with columns: File, Men. Rows include Scottish Volunteers (24, 48), Mayflower Rifles (22, 44), 1st Irish Volunteers (24, 48), Dartmouth Rifles (21, 42), Halifax Rifles (37, 71), Dartmouth Engineers (16, 32), Victoria Rifles, (colored) (19, 38).

This does not include the officers and non-commissioned officers of these companies, which if added, would swell the number to nearly four hundred: and, with the artillery and engineer companies, would make up the number of volunteers on parade to about five hundred.

The editor of the St. John News, who has lately been on a visit to this city, has commenced publishing a series of articles on "Halifax, in 1860." The references he makes to our trade, business facilities, &c., are very complimentary.

New Brunswick.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAPTIST SEMINARY. FREDERICTON.—This Institution held its Annual examination on Tuesday, June 5th. At 9 o'clock the students, about fifty in number, assembled in the room occupied by the male department.

The classes in History showed by their readiness in answering questions that they had been made thoroughly acquainted with what they had been reading. Those in English Grammar proved, not only that they had been well instructed, but that they had exercised their own minds in thinking for themselves.

Three of the young men are preparing for the ministry. Their compositions breathed forth the true Gospel spirit. It is to be hoped that they are each determined to make thorough the work of preparation, not stopping in their studies short of a term of years.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF BRUSSELS ST.—This Anniversary Meeting came off last evening in the Brussels St Chapel; a large congregation in attendance. The President, Mr. Joseph Read, in the chair. Singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

The New Brunswickers are rejoicing at the prospect there now is of getting out their timber and logs, the brooks and rivers having been considerably swollen by the late rains.

Nova Scotians and New Brunswickers carried off more than their share (reckoning by the European standard) of the prizes awarded at the recent terminal examinations of the Universities of Glasgow.

A SCALD OR BURN can be easily cured by the use of Perry Davis' Vegetable Pain Killer. It is equally effectual in curing headache, pain in the stomach or bowels, dysentery, diarrhoea and cholera. No family should be without it.

United States.

MURDER OF HENRY T. CRAWLEY.

The sad and horrifying intelligence which we copy below from the U. States papers received by the steamer, will cause the deepest sorrow in this community and elsewhere in the Province where Mr. Crawley was well known, respected and admired.

"Mr. Henry T. Crawley, who was cruelly murdered at Cincinnati by a party of rowdies, while resenting an insult offered to two ladies, with whom he was returning from the Opera, on the evening of the 6th instant, was a graduate of Acadia College, Nova Scotia, and of the Harvard Law School at Cambridge.

"Soon after his admission to the bar, he received the appointment of Professor of Mathematics at the Mount Auburn Institute, Cincinnati, and for the past five years had continued to fill the position with marked ability and to the entire satisfaction of the Corporation.

"The event has cast a deep gloom over the institution where the long and faithful services of the deceased had won for himself the affectionate regards of officers and pupils, and has created the most intense excitement throughout the whole city, where he was evidently known and universally esteemed and respected."

SENTENCE OF THE PIRATE HICKS.—The pirate Hicks, who has been on trial before the United States Circuit Court for the murder of three persons in the Lower Bay, was sentenced to be hung on the 13th of July next, on one of the islands in the harbor. Since his sentence, some dark hints he has dropped has led to the supposition that this is not his first offence against the laws and against humanity.

"I stained my hands in human blood, Which I do not deny: I shed the blood of innocence, For which I have to die."

The publication of these verses has revived the memory of the mutiny on board the Saladin, for which four persons were executed some sixteen years ago, and it is now supposed that Hicks was engaged in that bloody affair. The Saladin started from Valparaiso, South America, laden with guano, and having on board about \$80,000 in gold bars. This treasure excited the cupidity of one Capt. Fielding, a passenger on board, who persuaded a portion of the crew to murder the officers and four of their comrades, and seize the vessel.

TERRIBLE TORNADO.—One of the most fearful and destructive tornadoes on record, on Sunday evening the 3rd of June at 7 1/2 o'clock, swept over the eastern part of Iowa, and the north-western portion of Illinois. It lasted only two minutes and a half, but in that short time was productive of truly harrowing consequences. The towns of Camanche, Iowa, Ill., were entirely demolished, the inhabitants being mostly buried in the ruins of the fallen buildings.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer (May 27) says—A violent storm which passed over this city last night, unroofed the mansion of Judge Douglas. The rain, which was pouring in torrents, damaged nearly every room in the house. Elegant carpets, furniture, paintings, &c., were completely ruined. The matter is made worse owing to the fact that Judge D. is lying very ill with a throat disease.

While the prospects for abundant crops are unusually cheering in all sections of the United States, we are gratified to learn that the grain and fruit crops of Canada give similar evidence of a bountiful harvest.

Among the recent distinguished arrivals from Europe were twelve swans, the gift of the city of Hamburg to the municipal authorities of New York, sent with special view to their being placed in Central Park. They consist of six male and six female birds, and were received in good health and condition.

Some idea of the magnitude and importance of the commercial interests of the Northern Lakes, may be formed from the fact that upwards of one thousand two hundred steamers and sailing vessels passed in sight of Detroit, from the opening of navigation—March 6th—to the 14th May.

There was a six-hours snow storm in Great Salt Lake City on the 12th May. Although it melted rapidly, in some places it was over a foot in depth. Much injury was inflicted upon garden vegetables.

General Intelligence.

Domestic and Foreign.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, June 6th, 1860.

APPOINTMENTS.

In the County of Cumberland:—David Rogers to be Collector of Colonial Duties for the Port of Pugwash, in the place of James McNab. To form a Board of Health for the Township of Parrsborough—Rev. Wm. King, James Ratchford, W. Y. Theal, M. D., Daniel York, Frances Carrol, Ony Lewis, Jesse Fulerton, John Baker, Ephraim Howard, and Abraham Priestly to be Justices of the Peace.

In the County of Guysborough:—James Henlaw, Angus Cameron, Junr., Samuel Archibald, David K. McKee, Alexander Fisher, and Jesse Cumming, to be Justices of the Peace. Edmund H. Francheville to be restored to the office of Chief Inspector of Pickled Fish.

In the County of Lunenburg:—The Rev. Jas. Stine to be a Commissioner of Schools. Matthew Ernst, Simon Risser, William Turner, John Knulback Joseph Baker, Jacob Fancy and George Wile to be Justices of the Peace. Wm. Ross to be a Coroner, in place of John Crigington, resigned.

In the County of Pictou:—Henry Kirkwood, M. D., to be Health Officer, in place of E. F. G. Kirkwood, deceased.

In the County of Cape Breton:—Jos. Townsend to be a Seizing Officer at Louisburg. To be Notaries and Tabellions Public, John W. Ouseley and E. D. Tremain, Esquires.

In the County of Halifax:—Joseph Kaye, to be a Justice of the Peace.

In the County of Victoria:—John McAulay to be Collector of Colonial Duties, in place of H. P. Sellon, deceased.

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In the County of Halifax:—To be Justices of the Peace, John Naylor, Robert Romans, John Crooks, George Munro, Isaac McCurdy, Peter Cruikshanks, Andrew Shiels to be one of the Commissioners for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and one of the Commissioners for taking Affidavits and Recognizances in the Supreme Court.

In the County of Colchester:—To be Justices of the Peace, Robert Smith, James K. Blair, Robert J. Pollock, Samuel Muir, M. D., to be a Commissioner of Schools.

In the County of Hants:—Benjamin Fraser, M. D., to be a Justice of the Peace. John A. Jenkins to be Commissioner of Sewers for the Township of Windsor, in the place of Edward McLatchey, resigned.

In the County of Lunenburg:—James Starratt, Junr., to be a Justice of the Peace.

In the County of Cape Breton:—To be Justices of the Peace, Henry Moore, of East Bay, Murdoch McDonald, of Boularderie.

We learn that the Government have abandoned the idea of calling the Legislature together, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales.

The Rev. P. G. McGregor, of this city, was elected Chaplain of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance, on Saturday last, at the annual meeting at Portland, Maine.

Queen Victoria has conferred the order of knighthood on Frances H. Satus, Esq., of New York city, for important improvements in Artillery. Mr. Satus is the first citizen from the United States thus distinguished.

We understand that the Inclined Plane at Dartmouth, for the Shubenacadie Canal, is expected to be finished by the Messrs. Sutherland within three months. The iron work is being made at the Chebucto Foundry, Fresh Water. Mr. Angus McDougall, the Engineer engaged on the work, is a native of this Province, and we have been informed, is skillful in his profession.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

To the Missionary Board of the Central and Eastern Associations.

DEAR BRETHREN, After fulfilling a Mission of six weeks appointed me by the Board on the island of Boularderie I have to state that the people in general turned out this year better than usual to hear the word of God.

Dear Brethren, there is an indication of better days drawing nigh, when nations are in commotion, let us be prepared for Zion's year. A large part of the Island of C. B. is in agitation; there are at present two respectable Ministers of the old Kirk of Scotland preaching through the Centre of the Island, and I believe with some success; undoubtedly their opposing brethren are putting obstructions in their way.

But let us as a body have in view the conversion of souls to God; when his work takes place in the hearts of sinners, they find a resting place to their souls in Christ Jesus they hold fast to him, to his word, and to his flock. May God bless the Board, its members and its helpers; that more labourers may be sent for the glory of God and for the welfare of man; is the prayer of

Yours, &c. RONALD MACDONALD. Margaree, April 20th, 1860.

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To the Missionary Board of the Central and Eastern Associations.

DEAR BRETHREN, As the six months have elapsed, during which I have performed the Missionary labour assigned to me by the Board, I send a brief and con-