

been kept open for the whole time required by law, will not of itself vacate an Election.

On which the Crown Law officers say :

We think in a similar case occurring in the Mother Country, the election would be held void by the House of Commons.

It will be seen by our Parliamentary report that this matter has thus far almost exclusively occupied the attention of the Assembly.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND "MEMBERS."—The Church Record of last week makes the following very courteous reply to the enquiry we suggested in our last issue :—

The Christian Messenger, in publishing a Table of Statistics from the last Diocesan Society's Report, asks upon what data the column of "Church Members" is given as distinct from "Communicants?" We reply that it is intended to include all who, having been baptized in the Church, do not profess to dissent from it, or who would describe themselves generally as belonging to the Church of England, although of course adults who are not Communicants cannot be called "Members" in the strict sense of the term. The list, we may observe, is not complete, being compiled from the returns actually sent in for the year 1858, and some Missions then vacant are altogether omitted. These statistics are to be published annually, and we have no doubt that the Clergy will endeavor to make them accurate.

Much dissatisfaction appears to exist with the want of accommodation for the Press in the House of Assembly. The reporting that has been done, although imperfect and unsatisfactory, has cost the Province about £700 a year! The suggestion of one of our contemporaries that a summary of proceedings sufficient to fill one or two columns daily, would be abundant for all practical purposes, as it is impossible to get them out verbatim in time to be of any interest. The amount hitherto appropriated for that service is surely sufficient to pay for what is required. Until some more suitable arrangements are secured, we think it would be better to have no official reporting, but to afford the necessary accommodation, and let each party look out for themselves.

THE Royal Mail Steamer, a week overdue, had not arrived when we went to press. We have therefore no English news of a late date. This will not be so much regretted by many of our readers, as it enables us to give more space to parliamentary intelligence. We shall devote a considerable portion of our pages now for a few weeks to these matters. However undesirable it may be for politics, so-called, to supercede more important matters, yet as they are a subject which demand attention from the people generally, it is absolutely necessary that information be given to enable them to form correct opinions and act intelligently.

General Intelligence.

Domestic and Foreign.

The shipbuilders at Weymouth and other places on St. Mary's Bay, we are glad to learn from The Acadian, are expecting a busy season.

A new School-house was opened at Sandy Cove, Digby Neck. It is described as 25 by 40 feet, and furnished in a superb style. It will accommodate 60 pupils.

A young mechanic named Allen Parsons, accidentally fell into Mr. McLearn's dock at Liverpool, N.S., on Sunday night, and was drowned.

A GOOD PIG.—Mr. John C. Neily, of Aylesford, in December last, killed a pig 8 months and 3 days old, weighing 355 lbs. This pig was purchased when 4 weeks old, and fed on sour milk, and a few small potatoes the first 5 months; the last of the time upon bran and potatoes and Indian meal.

ACCIDENT.—James A., son of John Whitman, of Inglisville, Annapolis co, while watering the cattle on the 19th inst, saw the track of a partridge, he stepped to the house, took down the gun as it was loaded, and fired, when unfortunately the gun burst, tearing his hand most dreadfully. Hopes are entertained that through the mercy of God and careful treatment, a part of his hand will be saved.

Care should be taken when loading fire-arms. It is supposed that the cause of the accident was that the wadding had not been driven down to the powder, as it burst some distance from the breech.

PERRY DAVIS' VEGETABLE PAIN KILLER, after a thorough trial by innumerable living witnesses, has proved itself to be THE MEDICINE OF THE AGE, and has continued to steadily advance in estimation of the world as the best Family Medicine ever introduced. Sold by druggessts.

New Brunswick.

The earnings of the Railroad between St. John and Hampton during the past year, it is said, exceeded the expense by £6000.

The right of ferrage in the harbor of St. John for 10 years from the 10th of July next was recently sold at auction for £800 per annum.

There were seventy cases of Small-pox reported to the Board of Health of St. John, last week; deaths eight.

United States.

Congress is still without a Speaker.

Six persons were burned to death at a fire in Division street in New York, last week.

A horse arrived at New York a few days ago from Italy, only seven hands high. He is to be sent to Washington to Mr. Buchanan, as a present from J. H. Binda, the United States Consul at Leghorn.

LAW AGAINST FREE NEGROES IN MISSISSIPPI.—The Legislature of Mississippi has just passed a law which provides that all free negroes found in the State after the first of July next, except by the special permit of the Legislature, are to be sold into perpetual slavery. The bill further provides that they (the free negroes) shall have until the expiration of the period above named to select a master, the selected master to pay two-thirds of the appraised value of the negro, when said negro shall be the slave of such selected master for life. It is also provided that a fine, not less than one nor more than five thousand dollars, and imprisonment in the county jail or penitentiary, as the court may direct, for not less than six months nor more than two years, shall be imposed upon any person who shall hold any free negro in nominal servitude with a view to evade the provisions of the act.

The following highly complimentary notice of the well-known firm of J. C. Ayer & Co. is from the pen of a distinguished American Journalist:—

HOW STARTLING ARE THE RAVAGES OF DISEASE!—How small a proportion of mankind live in perpetual health and die of old age! Disease, the insidious destroyer of our race, ever steals upon the anchorage of life, to cut it from its moorings. Ceaselessly it gnaws at the vitals of existence, like a worm in the bud, which, undisturbed, must bring it to decay. With these melancholy facts in view, can we overestimate the importance of such labors as look to the discomfiture of our common enemy? Knowing that we cannot, we feel warranted in extolling to our readers the enterprise of our distinguished fellow citizens, Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.

Few, if any, individual interests in the State are larger than this, and surely none compares with it in the vast extent of its operations and the immense importance of them to the well-being of multitudes of men. Their life-long labor has been to devise means of cure for the prevailing disorders of the American people, and their endeavors are known to have the co-operation of the best medical intelligence and skill this age affords. That they have done much for the cure of disease no fair-minded man will deny; and that the laudable aim of their ambition is to accomplish still more in this work of philanthropy, is justly an object of pride to us, their fellow-townsmen, as well as of congratulation with the suffering sick all around us, and all over the world.

The preparations of J. C. Ayer & Co. (see adv. col's) are sold by all Druggists and Merchants. The trade supplied by MORTON & COGSWELL, Agents, Halifax. Sept. 21.—6 m.

Commercial.

HALIFAX MARKETS.

CORRECTED FOR THE C. MESSENGER FEB. 1.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Flour, Indian Corn, Bread, Butter, Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Molasses, Beef, Pork, Codfish, Salmon, Mackerel, Herring, Alewives, Haddock, Leather, Bar Iron, Hoop, Sheet, Nails, Lumber, Shipping Pine, Spruce, Hemlock, Coal, and Fire Wood.

PRICES AT THE FARMER'S MARKET, FEB. 1.

Table listing prices for fresh beef, oatmeal, oats, apples, potatoes, veal, lamb, mutton, pork, bacon, butter, cheese, calf-skins, yarn, eggs, poultry, ducks, turkeys, geese, and homespun cloth.

WILLIAM NEWCOMB, Clerk of Market.

Letters Received.

J. M. Parker, Esq., 20th, 30s. 74d. Rev. H. Angell, J. Rogers, 19th, 1 sub., £2. W. S. Raymond, 20th, 20s. Jas. B. McNutt, 21st, 1 sub., £2. G. V. Rand, 23rd. Joseph Thomas, 3 sub., £2. Asaph Marshall, 21st.—per Avard Longley, Esq., £3 10s. Jas. E. Potter, 21st, £2.—per Moses Shaw, Esq. Geo. Harpell, Esq., 23rd. Ch. Jost, Esq., 20th. R. G. Freeman, 19th, 10s.—Missing papers sent. W. L. Crowell, 18th, 5s. Smith Harlow, 21st, 20s.—Pays to Dec. 31st, 1860.—Directions attended to. J. C. Anderson, 17th, 20s. Rev. A. F. Porter, 23rd. Rev. J. C. Hurd, J. L. Tremain, Esq., 21st.—Yes, immediate. Rev. J. L. Read, W. Churchill, 21st, £7. P. Paint, 21st. Elisha D. Harris, 24th, 1 sub., 20s. Thos. Bew. 15th, £2.—30s. appropriated as below. John Broderick, 23rd, 20s. W. H. Everett, 23rd. I. Harding, Esq., 21st, £2. A. W. Marsters, 21st 1 sub. Rev. A. W. Barss, 20s. W. S. Irish, 21st, 12s. 6d. L. S. Payzant, 28th.—Has been sent to Hantsport: now changed to Falmouth.—E. M. all right; paid a week or two afterwards. Rev. W. Burton, 25th. W. Armstrong, 23rd, 20s.—The 32s. 6d. was credited correctly.—The error occurred in the printing office. John Cutten, 26th, 1 sub. John Whitman, 23rd, 32s. 6d. 1 sub.—C. B. paid 5s. in '57 and 5s. in '58.—Have no copy of C. M. of the other date. Isajah Thurber, 23rd, 32s. 6d. Rev. E. O. Read, 1 sub. Alex. Fraser, 20th, 20s.—It should have been a person of the same name in Georgetown. Rev. A. S. Hunt, 27th. Rev. R. R. Philp, 24th, £5. Luther Ledbetter, 28th.—Sent last week

We shall be unable, after this date, to send to new Subscribers the back numbers from the beginning of the year; but have a few copies of the present issue, with the opening of Parliament, for such as desire to begin from February 1st.

NOTICES.

I acknowledge the receipt of Three Pounds collected by Rev. Mr. Tupper and Mrs. Tupper, in Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot, for the Ministerial Education Fund.

RICHARD MCLEARN.

Halifax, Jan. 25, 1860.

There will be a protracted meeting held in the Locke's Island Meeting-house, (D V.) commencing on Sabbath, the 26th of February. Ministering Brethren are hereby earnestly invited to attend. A. W. BARSS. January 24th, 1860.

HORTON ACADEMY.

A PRINCIPAL WANTED.

The office of Principal of Horton Academy will be vacant after the 6th of June next, J. W. Hartt, Esq., having resigned his connection with the Institution. The Executive Committee of the N. S. Baptist Education Society would obtain the service of some gentleman qualified for this important position, and will therefore enter into communication with persons desirous of the above named office. Any information will be promptly afforded by the undersigned. A. S. HUNT, Secretary. Canard St., Cornwallis, Jan. 20th, 1860.

Marriages.

At Windsor, on the 22nd inst., by the Rev. Thos. Walsh, Mr. John Managan, to Miss Dorah Brown. At Windsor, on the 28th January, by the Rev. D. M. Welton, Mr. George Beanson, to Mrs. Ann Lane, both of Chester Road.

Also, by the same, on the same day, Mr. Richard Saide, to Miss Mary Scott, both of Windsor. At Hillsburgh, January 10, by the Rev. Obed Parker, Mr. Isaac Thurber, to Miss Adelaide Winchester. By the same, January 19th, Mr. Francis Armstrong, to Miss Sarah Cossaboon, both of Digby. By the same, January 26th, Mr. Gilbert H. Peters, to Miss Eliza Ann, youngest daughter of Mr. John Chute, of Clements.

At Newport, on 10th inst., by the Rev. J. G. Henrigan, James W. Jeffery, son of the late Hon. T. Jeffery, to Miss Celestia Harvey, of Avondale. At Cornwallis, on the 25th inst., by the Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M., Mr. John E. Starr, to Martha, youngest daughter of Ward Eaton, Esq., both of Cornwallis.

By the Rev. W. Burton, at Hantsport, Jan. 19th inst., Mr. John A. Borden, to Miss Mary, daughter of Capt. John Toy, of the same place. At Guysborough, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. A. F. Porter, Michael Hartly, of Gloucester, Mass., to Amelia, daughter of Mr. Edward Cook.

Also on the 11th, by the same, Isaac Archibald, of St. Mary's, to Mary, daughter of Mr. Robert Horton. At Canso, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. John Miller, Mr. Thomas C. Cook, to Miss Emma, eldest daughter of William Bigelow, Esq.

On the 18th inst., by the same, Mr. William Hull, of Manchester, to Miss Lavinia Lumsden, of Canso. At Canso, on the 16th inst., by the same Mr. James M. Nickerson, of Canso, to Miss Mary Catherine Spears, of Whitehead.

At Black River, Horton, Oct. 19th, by the Rev. E. O. Read, Mr. James Ellis, to Miss Abigail Frazer. By the same, Dec. 28th, Mr. Jehial Hinnie, to Miss Rachael R., second daughter of William Schoff, Esq., of Horton.

By the same, at the Parsonage, Gaspereaux, Jan. 19th, Mr. James Graham, to Miss Sarah, daughter of Mr. David Vaughn, of Horton. By the same, at the Parsonage, Gaspereaux, Jan. 21st, Mr. Daniel Dorman, to Miss Mary, daughter of Ezekiel Benjamin, Esq., all of Gaspereaux.

At Quebec, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Houseman, Mr. George Payne, to Maria Mary, third daughter of the late Dr. Edward Bolman, of Lunenburg, N. S.

Deaths.

On the 25th ult., Mr. Job Cornhill, in the 66th year of his age. On Sunday 22nd ult., Robert Newton, youngest son of John and Mary Ann Longard, aged 2 years and 5 months.

On Thursday, John C., second child of Wm. B. and Ellen Hatch, aged 1 year.

On Friday Mr. Redmond Nation, aged 78 years. At Dartmouth, on the 30th inst., Thomas R. Bennett, son of Paul and Lydia Benett, aged 2 years and 3 months.

On 26th inst., at South East Passage, Elizabeth, relict of the late Henry Heslop, in the 48th year of his age.

At Musquodoboit Harbour, on the 18th inst., George W. Bayers, in the 25th year of his age.

At Hammond's Plains, on the 22nd ult., in the 20th year of his age, Albert Thompson, son of Mr. John Thompson.

At Lower Horton, January 1st, of Diphtheria, Aubrey John Melville, aged 1 year and 3 months, infant son of Abraham D. and Jane Lyman.

Of Consumption, at Upper Aylesford, Dec. 12, 1859, Mr. Judson Graves, son of the late Deacon Willard Graves, aged 26 years. He was a member of this Church. He bore his sufferings with Christian resignation.

Dec. 29th, 1859, Miss Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. Alexander Banks, aged 15 years. She was converted and became a member of this Church last spring, and walked with Christ until she finished her course with joy.

Jan. 2nd, 1860, Mr. William Graves, aged 67 years. He became a member of this church many years ago. He manifested his attachment to God and his people until he finished his course. His sickness, which was protracted, he bore with Christian submission.

Jan. 4th, 1860, Miss Eliza, only daughter of Mr. Edmon Banks, aged 14 years. Though young, she became a subject of grace last spring, and united with this church, where she has lived a humble follower of Jesus, dearly beloved by all, until God took her home.—Com. by Rev. J. L. Read.

At Desert River, Londonderry, January 2nd, of putrid sore throat, Ephraim, son of James Cottam, in the 15th year of his age.

At Masstown, Londonderry, January 8th, Gasper, youngest son of William Lightbody, in the 15th year of his age. This is the second son of Mr. Lightbody's that has died of putrid sore throat within a few days.

Also at the same place, on January 13th, after two years of extreme suffering, which she bore with Christian resignation to the Divine Will, Margery, widow of the late Hugh McCully. Mrs. McCully was a consistent member of the Baptist Church in Upper Londonderry. She received her first religious impressions under the ministry of Elder D. W. C. Dimock, and was baptized by him on September 10th, 1844. In the absence of the pastor, Elder Thompson, Elder Dimock preached a funeral discourse from Philippians i. 12: "To die is gain."—[Presbyterian Witness please copy.]

At Cornwallis, on the 14th inst., Colonel Timothy Barnaby, aged 83 years.

At Margaree, C. B., on Christmas morning, Malcolm Lamont Junr., in the 18th year of his age, leaving a widowed mother, an only sister, and very aged grand parents to mourn their loss. He was a young man of most amiable disposition. His end was peace.

At New Glasgow, on the 23rd inst., in the 27th year of her age, Catherine, wife of the Rev. Allan Pollock, and third daughter of James Fraser, Esq.

At Antigua, on the 11th ult., of Brain Fever, Captain David Kendrick, formerly of Barrington, N. S.

PERIODICALS FOR THE YEAR.

Cassell's Illustrated Almanack, 1860, 6d sterling. Illustrated London Almanac in colors. Morton's Free Counting House Almanac. The Child's Educator, No. 1. The Lady's Treasury, Parts and Volumes. Book of Household Management. Everybody's Journal—with all the popular London Journals, may be had at the News Agency of G. E. MORTON & CO., Halifax.

If Ladies and Gentlemen would have a really fine Toilet article, they should purchase a bottle of the PERSIAN BALM OF FLOWERS, as for cleansing the Teeth, Shaving, Bathing, removing Freckles, and all disagreeable appearances from the skin, it has no equal. Try it.

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Durno's Catarrh snuff, a new discovery, has already accomplished most important results. The worst and most distressing cases of Catarrh, cold in the head and inflammation of the eye, deafness, dulness of vision, noises in the head, &c., vanishes as if by magic under its influence.

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RIMMEL'S TOILET VINEGAR supersedes Eau de Cologne as a refreshing lotion for the Toilet and Bath, a reviving scent for crowded assemblies, and a powerful disinfectant for sick rooms; its numerous useful and sanitary properties render it an indispensable requisite. A trial bottle may be had for 1s. 6d.

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Shipping List.

Arrived.

MONDAY, 23rd.—Schr's Ocean Wave, Anderson, Lunenburg; Sultan, Day, Newfoundland.

TUESDAY, 24th.—Brig Saguna, West. Trinidad 13 days—bound to Liverpool, N. S.

WEDNESDAY, 25th.—Brigt Spanish Main, Gange, Mayaguez 11 days—T. C. Kinnear & Co; brig Velocity, Cole, Oporto 41 days—J. G. A. Creighton & Co; schr's Labrador, Murphy, Ponce 13 days—Daniel Cronan; Lima, Fortune Bay; Sylvia, Young, Lunenburg.

THURSDAY, 26th.—Brig Frank, Jones, Savannah 9 days, T. C. Kinnear & Co; schr's James, McCuish, Boston 3 days, J. A. Moren; Lucknow, New York 5 days; R. M. steamer Europa, Leitch, Boston 36 hours—39 passengers for Liverpool, 13 for Halifax.

FRIDAY, 27th.—Brigt Boston, O'Brien, Boston 36 hours—J. M. Watson & Co. and others—15 passengers. SATURDAY, 28th.—Schr. Comet, Boucher, Ragged Islands to George Fraser and Co.

MONDAY, 30th.—Schr's Morning Light, to P. Power and Co; Catherine Brown, Whelan, Newfoundland, 3 days—bound to Boston; Meteor, Boston, 7 days, to B. Wier and Co.

Cleared.

MONDAY 23rd.—Mary Allen, Ragged Islands.

TUESDAY, 24th.—bark Halifax, McCulloch, Boston; schr Ocean Star, Jenkins, Jamaica.

WEDNESDAY, 25th.—Garland, Wilson, Barrington; brig's Napoleon III, Marmad, Arichat; Lucretia, Maxwell, Newfoundland.

FRIDAY, 26th.—brigt Annette, Rudolf, B. W. Indies; R. M. steamer Europa, Leitch, Liverpool, G. B.; Ospray, Gullifer, Newfoundland.

SATURDAY, 27th.—schr's Ocean Wave, Burke, Boston; Will o' the Wisp, Hunt, F. W. Indies.

SUNDAY, 28th.—Telegraph, McNab, Newfoundland; Active, Babin, Arichat; Voyager, Banks, Maurities; Lonisa, Young, Porto Rico; America, Atwood, Jamaica; Celia, Dolly, Brazils; James, McCuish, Newfoundland; Agility, Hefford, Br. West Indies.