

At a meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Garden and Poultry Shows, held last week, the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:

His Worship the Mayor—President.
D. H. Starr—Secretary.
J. R. Willis—Assistant do.
Committee.—Dr. Cogswell, James McKay, Andrew Downs, Herbert Harris, G. A. S. Crichton, A. J. Ritchie, G. H. Starr, John McDonald, J. R. Willis, M. G. Black, jr., and Joseph Jennings.

A strong desire was expressed at the meeting for two Exhibitions—an early one embracing garden and other roses, and also poultry; and another, at a later period, which would take in flowers, fruits, and vegetables. We trust the Society may be enabled to carry out their intentions.—Sun.

LOSS OF THE HUNGARIAN.—The report of this ship's clearance having been found, shewing that upwards of 300 passengers were on board, seems to be without foundation. The Yarmouth papers give accounts similar to the telegrams we published last week. It appears that the number of men on the ship's articles is 74. It is probable that her complement of hands was not less than 100.

The *Tribune* of the 29th, says: Parties who recently visited and boarded the wreck, describe her as lying with her bow on the reef, and her stern in deeper water. Very little of the bow is visible at high water, and at low tide the depth of water alongside is about 12 feet. The waist of the ship is almost wholly gone, the bow has canted to starboard and the stern in the opposite direction, the upper deck is completely gone, and the larboard side has the appearance of being crushed in upon the starboard. The boiler is just visible above the surface of the water at low tide; and when the wreck was last seen, one of the anchors was still fast to the bow. The heavier portion of the ship's lading is thought to be still in the lower hold or lying in the hollows of the ledge beneath. The following telegram was received on Friday from Barrington:

Three trunks have been found belonging to Margaret Robertson, Montreal; one to Robert Martin, Toronto, one to W. R. Crocker, Norwich Connecticut. Nothing further in identifying passengers. No more bodies found. *Daring* here, taking in mail for Halifax. R. H. Crowell.

The *Daring* has since arrived with the mails, &c. By the *Yarmouth Herald* it appears that the people of Barrington and Yarmouth are much dissatisfied with the government, for sending Mr. Townsend to "supercede the local authorities in the duty which the law assigns to them, and in which they were vigilantly engaged."

PART of the body of a man, supposed to be one of the brothers Murry—who were some time ago wrecked in their own vessel on Devil's Island, was picked up by Mr. Shears on Himmelman's Beach, Eastern Shore, on Saturday last. His remains were decently interred.—C. Record.

It is stated that A. Scott, and S. L. Shannon, Esqs., Railway Commissioners have tendered their resignations, and that they have been accepted.—lb.

THE St. John *Courier* learns that the much talked of Railway from Halifax to Quebec is enjoying the attention of H. M. Government, and that the Colonial Secretary, the Duke of Newcastle, has "recommended an application to Parliament, for the necessary authorisation and assistance."—lb.

By The *Digby Acadian* we learn that three vessels are to be built at Little River, Digby Neck, during the present season.

SMALL POX.—A friend informs us that there has been a number of cases of small pox East of Walton, Hants Co. The disease was brought from St. John last fall.

A DESIDERATUM.—We learn that J. Watson & Co. have determined on securing a tug-boat to be used in Halifax harbour.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE PROGRESS.—We learn from the *Abstainer* that two new Divisions of the order were established on the 16th ult. One at Cape Island near Barrington, "the LIFEBOAT" Division, consisting of 25 members, and the other "SOUTH" Division, at Clark's Harbour, about seven miles distant consisting of forty-six persons.

Mr. Crowell informs us that "more liquor was made use of on the Island the past year than for many previous, which led the temperate portion to arouse themselves. "This," he thinks, "is the cause of the advancement of our Order and Temperance in that locality."

The Sons of Temperance had a glorious turnout a short time since at Sydney C. B. About fifty sleighs, freighted each with Sons and their fair friends, had a twelve mile excursion to Bras d'Or Lake and back to their Hall, where, in the evening, they enjoyed a physical and intellectual treat.—Sun.

At Justice's Court held at Yarmouth, Jan. 17, 1860, the following named persons were fined for breach of License Law, viz:—

Hugh McMunnis, fine and costs.	£13 6 3
Catherine Dugan " "	5 12 8
Joseph Killam " "	3 2 6
Terrance Kenan " "	3 12 8
Sarah Lotis " "	3 12 8
Bridget Douley " "	2 5 0
James Miller " "	5 15 0

We are glad to learn that Perry Davis' Vegetable Pain Killer is having so large a sale in our city. We have every reason to believe it to be an almost never failing cure for pain, and as such is a medicine no family should be without.—Montreal Pilot. Sold by druggists and medicine dealers generally.

A TEMPERANCE MEETING. we understand, will be held in the Theatre in Spring gardens tomorrow evening. The organization which is concerned in getting up this movement has chosen the designation "Acadian Working Society."

TELEGRAPHING EXTRAORDINARY.—Despatches were sent direct from Halifax, to Milwaukee, and Prairie du chien via, Quebec Kingston, Ogdensburg, Detroit, and Chicago, a distance of over 3000 miles on Monday, in last week.

THE N. S. RAILROADS.—From a Statement which appears in the *Sun*, signed J. McCully, there have been from Jun. 1st, to Jan. 28th, 1860, 2457 passenger over the Truro Line, and 1751 passengers by the Windsor Branch. Total 4208. The receipts for which have been \$5722.73.

It is stated in the morning papers that James Laurie, Esq., is employed by the City Council, to examine and report on the Halifax Water Works, at a salary larger than he lately received as Engineer on the Railroad.

Prince Edward Island.

In the House of Assembly on the 20th ult., on the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Legislature, an amendment was moved by the opposition on the subject of the Land Tenures. On the division there appeared for the amendment 11, against it 17. The address was then agreed to.

New Brunswick.

The Board of Works have presented their fifth Annual Report showing expenditures to the amount of £22,932. The Lunatic Asylum is now placed in the hands of this Board. They urge the completion of the buildings in the original design. These will cost about £3,500.

The Dredging Machine is found to be a highly profitable investment, having earned enough in five years to pay its cost, £5000, and working expenses, £4,838, and leave a profit of £5100. This calculation is arrived at by valuing its work at 1s. 3d. per cubic yard, which is stated to be a very low estimate. The Machine will require repairs to extent of £250.

The *News* contains the Auditor General's Report for the year ending Oct. 31st, 1859, from which we learn that

The amount paid out during the year by the Provincial Treasurer including school warrants, was £444,664 8s. 10d.
The amount of Railway Impost Duty collected was £34,599 12s. 9d., against £20,770 3s. 9d. the previous year.

The indebtedness of the Province on the 31st October was £1,030,235 17s. 3d.; about £800,000 of which is on account of the Railway works.
The net earnings of the Road to 31st Oct, 1858, amounted to £747 19s. 4d.; the net earnings during the year 1858 amounted to £5,795 2s. 7d.

The Estimates submitted to the Legislature by Mr. Tilley for the coming year are for an ordinary revenue, £157,350 Expenditures of this year over last, £12,500 to meet deficiency of interest on Railway expenditure. £5,500 on grant by roads, £2000 towards addition to Lunatic Asylum—£1000. towards Hospital in St. John. Education, £1000. Mineral resources, examination, £500.

A bill for the abolishment of the property qualification of members of Assembly has passed a second reading in the House of Assembly.

A petition is to be presented to the Legislature asking for light-house to be erected on Cape Tormentine.

The *St John Courier* understands information has been received in the City, by private telegram to one of our influential mercantile firms, that it is intention of the Imperial Government to introduce a measure into Parliament, for the equalization of timber duties, thus placing Baltic timber and deals, on the same footing as the product of the British North American Colonies! So far as our deals are concerned, we are fearful this step, will for some time, check their consumption in the British Markets, and consequently lower prices.

Dr Charles Black, Bae de Verte, whilst driving in haste on the ice to Port Elgin, recently, to visit a patient, broke through in six feet of water, and together with a Lady who was with him in the sleigh, narrowly escaped drowning. They were rescued by Mr. Edward Crand.

Canada.

A number of the business men and firms in Oswego have signed an agreement calculated to reduce the amount of copper with which the city is flooded. After the 22nd ult. they will not receive any Canada coppers, except at the rate of "two for a cent."

On Sunday week about 1000 Sunday School scholars assembled in Christ's Church Cathedral Montreal, where they were addressed by the Lord Bishop.

Seines are being drawn under the ice in the Irondequoit Bay, on Lake Ontario, this winter, and the fish taken out by tons. From thirty to fifty tons of fish have been caught already this winter by seines.

The *Quebec Mercury* says:—We understand that advices have been received by the *North Britain* intimating the intention of Her Majesty that the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Canada, shall take place in the early part of July next.

It is proposed that a grand united Provincial Exhibition should be held in Canada on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales during the summer.

A CANADIAN VIEW OF NOVA SCOTIA POLITICS.—In the Lower Provinces, the politicians are having a stormy time. In Nova Scotia, the Johnston Ministry has at length resigned, and a so-called liberal government has come into power. The indications are that, "Responsible Government" does not work well in new countries where the population is small, and where the relative interests of different sections of the country change so frequently.

On the 28th inst. our Parliament meet for the despatch of business, and we think few can anticipate very satisfactory results from it.—*Canadian Baptist.*

United States.

A smoke burning engine has been constructed for the Pennsylvania railroad, and it is said to effect a great saving of coal. The engine ran 117 miles at a high rate of speed, and consumed only 25 bushels of coal.

A stone has been taken from the monument of Napoleon the Great, on St. Helena, and presented to the American Consul there, by order of the French Emperor, to be placed in the Washington monument at Washington.

A man in New Fairfield, Conn., recently bid off at auction a package of old papers for a trifling sum, in which he found a Soldier's land warrant, located in Arkansas, which he sold to a gentleman in that State for \$48,000.

TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE.—FORTY-NINE CHILDREN DROWNED.—From the Quincy (Ill.) Herald, we learn that a most terrible calamity, rivaling that of the Pemberton Mills, occurred on Thursday last, near the town of Harding, Ill., on the Illinois River; and about twenty-five miles above Alton. Fifty school children, in attendance at a university at that place, went out upon the ice to play. The ice gave way, and, with one exception, all were lost.

An eminent physician of New York got on board one of the city railroad cars a few days since. In a moment he said—"Ladies and gentlemen, there is a malignant case of small pox on board this car—I smell it." In a moment the car was stopped and the passengers fled, all but one, and that a woman, closely veiled. The doctor asked her to lift her veil. She did and he beheld a most dreadful case of that foul and dangerous disorder. She said she was on her way to the hospital—her attendant was on the outside.

"The CONTINENTAL" is the name of a new hotel now being erected at Philadelphia. It contains 530 rooms, so distributed and arranged that every one is fully supplied with light. Every possible convenience of modern architecture has been introduced in boundless profusion. Of the chambers, 300 are supplied with hot and cold water, and there are 50 bath rooms similarly furnished with water. A tank on the roof contains 50,000 gallons of water from which pipes lead off for the supply of hose, in case of fire. The water tax for the building has been fixed at \$1,000 for the first year, and a meter will be used to ascertain the annual consumption. A steam engine will be constantly at work in the basement, and will operate as a sort of passenger railway or dumb waiter, for conveying boarders from the ground to any of the upper stories, as in 5th Avenue Hotel, New York.

"The *Houston Telegraph* says there were from fifty to sixty people frozen to death within the State of Texas during the last cold weather. Of these, at least forty were under the influence of liquor when frozen."

TEMPERANCE AMONGST BAPTIST MINISTERS IN GREAT BRITAIN.—212 ministers belonging to the Baptist denomination in the United Kingdom have prepared and signed an address on Temperance, to be presented to their brethren in the ministry for signature. Upwards of 100 students of the same denomination have also concurred in the address.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.—A whiskey shop in the village of Jefferson, Michigan, was completely cleared out by a party of ladies one day last week. It appears that a young man was in the habit of hanging around the "grocery," against the wishes of his parents, and one day last week, the liquor-seller sent the young man home, sick with the *delirium tremens*. The mother immediately rallied a number of her friends and neighbors, and a friend volunteered to take them to the village with his horses and waggon, and see fair play. The party stormed the "rum hole," and completely destroyed every vestige of bottles, casks, liquors, &c.

During the conflagration of Canton caused by the bombardment of the British, the extensive medical warehouse of our countryman Dr. J. C. AYER of Lowell, (the depot of his Cherry Pectoral and Cathartic Pills, for China,) was totally destroyed. He now makes a demand upon our government for indemnity from the loss of his property, and hence will grow another nut to crack with our elder brother Johnny. Stick to it Doctor; and if our Government maintains our rights wherever your Pills are sold, we shall only be unprotected on tracts that are very barren. *Reformer, Trenton, N. J.*

HIGHLY IMPOTANT TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. WINSLOW'S Soothing Syrup is the only thing that you can rely upon to give rest to yourself, and relief and health to your infant.

European & Foreign News.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Feb. 7th.

"The *Moniteur* announces that the King of Sardinia, wishing to acknowledge the services of the French army in the cause of Italian independence, has placed at the disposal of the French Government 780 crosses of the order of Santo Maurizio Lazzaro (the Military Order of Savoy), and 8,000 medals for military valor."

ITALY.

ROME, Feb. 4.

"Great agitation still prevails at Ancona. Rome is quiet, in consequence of the firmness shown by General Goyon."

TURKEY

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 28.

A considerable number of the inhabitants of Crete wish to become converts to the Roman Catholic religion, in order to defend themselves from the Patriarch of Constantinople. The Patriarch, informed of this, has sent a delegate to the island.

The Queen's Speech has provoked a sympathetic manifestation on the part of the Italian residents here.

HUNGARY AND AUSTRIA.

The Hungarian Protestant deputation has quitted Vienna without having obtained an audience of the Emperor. His Majesty, however, offered to admit to his presence separately, and as private individuals, Baron Nicholas Vay and Baron Gabriel Pronay, two of the most distinguished members of the deputation, but the proffered honour was respectfully declined.

Every one feels that things cannot possible remain as they now are, and many people fear that violent attempts to bring about a change will soon be made.

The *Times* Vienna correspondent in a letter from Pesth, dated January 27th, says:—

"I have to communicate to you to-day a fact of the very gravest kind, and which will probably be the starting-point of important events. The Emperor of Austria and his Ministers have refused to receive the deputation. At the moment I write the news of the refusal of Francis Joseph and his Ministers is spreading like wildfire in all directions; and, if I may judge from the effect it creates at Pesth, is everywhere executing intense indignation. Nor need this be wondered at. The deputation consisted of some of the most distinguished men of the Hungarian nation, and was headed by the universally respected Baron Vay, and its mission was one of peace and good will. In refusing therefore, to receive it—to listen to what it had to say—the Emperor and his Ministers have committed a new outrage on Hungary—have virtually proclaimed that between them and her the sword must decide. Some members of the deputation, notwithstanding the refusal to receive them and their colleagues, insisted on seeing, in at least their individual capacity, M. de Rechberg, the Minister for Foreign Affairs. I am told that his person so far forgot himself as to treat them with great rudeness. 'In fact, the man,' said, with some bitterness, one of the gentlemen, 'acted towards us with downright insolence, and talked to us in coarse language.' The government appears to feel certain that it can trample the Hungarians under foot; but from the heroic courage and unanimity of the latter, and from the profoundly disaffected state of the empire, I feel little doubt that before the conflict shall have lasted long the Hapsburgs will be in lismay."

"On Friday last," says a telegram of Feb. 5, 'Baron Vay and Baron Pronay, members of the Protestant deputation from Hungary, were received by the Emperor at a long audience, his Majesty promised them that in a legal way their legitimate wishes will soon be satisfied."

MISCELLANEOUS.

The increase of small-pox in London is becoming quite alarming.

Lord Brougham is said to be engaged upon a history of the British Constitution.

A medal is about to be struck at the Paris Mint, to commemorate the signature of the treaty of commerce, between England and France.

THE ENTIRE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS.—A compilation, of which the result is given in *The Daily News*, makes the whole number of Volunteers in Great Britain a little above 73,000.

The rumours about the probable alliance of the Princess Alice with the young Prince of Orange have begot others—with regard to the Prince of Wales, which point in the direction of the Princess Alexandra of Prussia, as has before been stated. The young lady has just attained her eighteenth year; but he surely is "o'er young to marry yet."

A horse race was appointed on a Sunday at Athens, Greece, in November last, in honour of Prince Alfred of England, who was about to arrive. The Prince told the committee he could not attend such an exhibition on the Lord's day, and it was postponed till Tuesday. The prince took his place on Sunday in the little English church to which the Rev. Dr. Hill preaches.

A NOVEL IDEA IN TAXATION.—A correspondent of *The Morning Post* suggests, as one means of reducing the most burdensome taxes, that 6s should be paid for every name given to a child beyond one.