

the whose branches shall fill the earth, and under which the birds of the air shall take refuge and whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

North and South.

The article on another page, discussing the merits of the present war between North and South, is perhaps a little aside of our usual course of correspondence...

The article under the caption 'Mason and Slidell' in defence of the Northern States, is received, and will appear in our next.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—The meetings held during the week were in general well attended—some of them crowded...

DESECRATION OF THE SABBATH AND THE BANQUARY.—We learn from the Canadian Baptist that "on a recent Sunday evening in Dr. Magoon's church in Albany, N. Y., a sword, sash and belt was presented to Captain Stinson...

News Summary.

Our English mail by steamer arrived on Wednesday last. The latest dates are to the 28th ult. The news of the surrender of Mason and Slidell, in accordance with the demands of the British Government...

The only movements in the conflicting parties appear to be in the Southern Coast, where the naval expeditions have established a footing, and seem threatening to invest Charleston...

The London Papers are filled with accounts of the last obsequies of the late Prince Consort, who appears to be sincerely and deservedly lamented in every part of the Empire...

Notices, &c.

Letters Received.

Jos. H. Bent, 7th Rev. A. D. Thompson, 1st W. J. Gates, 4th, £4 4s — Ditto, sent 10th: balance as above... Have credited \$10 to names given remainder to yourself for present...

NOTICES.

At a recent meeting of the French Mission Board, it was unanimously resolved that the churches throughout the province be requested to take up a collection for the French mission on the last Sabbath in January 1862...

As the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tupper wishes me to announce a Meeting of the F. M. Board. I therefore notify that a Meeting of that body is appointed to be held on Wednesday, the 22nd of January, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in the Baptist Meeting House...

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

Mr. Judah Bishop, of Round Hill, Annapolis County, was accidentally killed on Tuesday week by the falling of a tree. Mr. George R. Anderson, son of the Hon. Receiver General, left Halifax on the arrival of the mail from England last week...

A company of the Military Train, a corps called into existence by the necessities of the British Army in the Crimea, occupy the brick building near the Dartmouth Ferry wharf in this city.

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA.—At the annual Meeting of this Society, held on Tuesday evening, 7th inst., Dr. Forrest was elected President, Dr. Tupper, 1st Vice President, and Dr. Snyder, of Shelburne 2nd Vice President...

The City Council, at a meeting held on Thursday last, agreed to prepare an address of condolence to Her Majesty, expressive of sincere grief at the death of the Prince Consort.

We learn from the Sun that a society has been formed at Tangier, under the title of the "Tangier Progress and Reform Society." It is based on total abstinence, and contemplates the promotion of intellectual and moral improvement.

INSPECTION OF TROOPS.—We learn from the Reporter that Lieut. Colonel Taylor has been sent out from the Horse Guards to inspect the Volunteer and Militia forces of the British North American Colonies...

POIKRIANNA.—A correspondent informs us that a few days since Mr. William White of Berwick killed a pig 7 1/2 months old which weighed 333 pounds.

Mr. Abraham Young, of Granville Mountain a few days ago, slaughtered a grunter, 17 months old, which weighed 646 lbs.

INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.—The directors have much pleasure in acknowledging the following collections and donations, received since their last monthly announcement:

Table with columns: Name and Amount. Includes Rev. Mr. Miller, Garrison Chaplain, £1 0 0; Mrs. Miller, £1 0 0; Nepean Church, £1 5 0; Mr. Henry Y. Clarke, £0 12 6; Hon. M. B. Almon, £5 0 0; Judge Marshall, £1 0 0; A Friend, £0 5 0; Messrs. Northup, £5 19 0; Grand Jury fines, £3 10 4; Collection at Dartmouth, £3 0 0; Do. at St. Margaret's Bay, £10 18 2; Do. at Kentville, £2 0 0; Do. at Chalmers Church, £8 0 7; Mr. Crawford, £3 0 7; Do. at Poplar Grove Church, £10 0 0; Do. at Primitive Church, New Glasgow, £8 0 0; Do. at Cornwalls, £2 3 9; Do. at River John, £1 12 6; Do. at North Cornwallis Presbyterian Church, £1 12 0.

Also, Christmas Cake, Mr. Liswell; Barrel Apples and sundries, from Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Naylor, Mr. Rennels, and others, all acceptable. JAS. C. COCHRAN.

Halifax 6th Jan. 1862.

Prince Edward Island.

The Charlottetown Monitor of Dec. 25 says "that up to Friday last the steam ferry boat was enabled to cross, but on that night the frost set in, and by Saturday the harbor was effectually closed."

New Brunswick.

Some of the St. John papers have been indulging in some senseless expressions of jealousy and instituting comparisons between their city and Halifax, and the harbors belonging to the two cities respectively.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that Mr. William Till, an old and much respected citizen of St. John, and father of the proprietors of the New Brunswicker, when leaving the office of that paper on Friday night, slipped on the steep stairs, fell, and was instantly killed.

LOYALTY.—We learn from the Colonial Empire that Lieut. Col. Kennedy in passing from Halifax to St. John found the roads blocked with snow from Truro to Sackville, and spoke in the highest terms of the people on the route, who turned out most cheerfully to assist him, and other officers with him, on their journey.

RESOLVED, That no Bill of a private or local nature, or petition thereon, be received by the House after the fourteenth day from the opening of each Session of the present House of Assembly; and that the Clerk do, one month previously to the opening of the Legislature, cause this resolution to be inserted in five or more of the public newspapers.

We understand that there are upwards of 20 of the new comers in Hospital; one poor soldier died on Saturday, from exposure on the passage from Halifax.

The arrangements made for the reception, accommodation, and transportation of troops in New Brunswick, appears to have given very general satisfaction.

Canada.

THE FORTIFICATION OF QUEBEC.—The military authorities are engaged in strengthening the defences of Quebec. Guns of heavy calibre are being mounted on the side facing the Plains of Abraham, and embrasures for artillery are being made in different parts of the works.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIELD.—Working parties of the Quebec Garrison are being employed, every day, in the preparation of gabions and sand-bags for temporary field defences.

A meeting was held recently in Montreal, presided over by Mayor Rodier, for the purpose of making arrangements for raising a regiment of French Canadian Chasseurs.

General Tom Thumb, during his recent sojourn in Canada West, was called upon one day to preside at a wedding, in which the bride and bridegroom were only a few inches taller than himself.

The Board of trade inquiry into the loss of the steamer North Briton in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, has resulted in finding Capt Grange guilty of an omission in not taking soundings at 4 a.m., on the 5th, as he had intended.

COL. RANKIN who was appointed a short time since for recruiting for the U. States army and was dismissed from the Militia and his commission cancelled has now resigned his commission in the Federal service in consequence of the English embargo.

LOOK OUT.—The following from the Boston Traveller is perhaps as truthful as we could wish just now about the Canadas:—"We might conquer Canada but that is by no means to be depended upon, and if we judge by the events of history, we ought not to take a Canadian conquest into the account at all. We have repeatedly failed in attempts on that country, and we see no reason for supposing that we should be more successful there now than we were in former days. We have not better commanders and better soldiers than we had in 1775 and 1812, and we broke down utterly in those years. We are much stronger than we were, but the capacity of Canada to resist us has increased as much as our capacity to attack her. We should not delude ourselves with wild talk about foreign conquest at a time when we cannot drive a domestic army from the vicinity of Washington, when our national capital is virtually besieged by land and blockaded by water. Instead of wasting precious time, every sand in the glass of which was of gold, we had done something to impress foreigners with a sense of our capacity to fight, we should not have been threatened by other powers; but our forbearance, our timidity, our fear to strike lest the Union should be endangered, have caused the English to believe that we can be dealt with at no great hazards."

Table with columns: Publication Name and Price. Includes Army List, £0 2 6; British Workman, per annum, £1 3; Cassel's Family paper, per annum, £7 6; Dial, (and Star), weekly, per quarter, £5 0; Englishwoman's Domestic Magazine, per annum, £9 9; Family Herald, per annum, £7 6; Good Words, per annum, £7 6; Hood's British Ferns, quarterly, £3 1; Illustrated News of the World, per quarter, £5 0; Journal of Health, per annum, £3 9; Kingston's Magazine for Boys, per annum, £3 9; Ladies' Treasury, monthly per annum, £7 6; London Journal, per annum, £7 6; MacMillan's Magazine, per annum, £3 0; News of the World, per quarter, £5 0; Once a Week, per quarter, £3 0; Punch, the London Charivari, per quarter, £3 0; Riddleman's Weekly Journal, per annum, £3 0; Saint James' Magazine per annum, £3 0; Temple Bar Magazine, per annum, £3 0; Universal News, weekly, per quarter, £5 0; Volunteer Army List, monthly, £1 3; What Not, Magazine of Fashions, &c., per an, £7 6; Youth's Magazine, per annum, £6 4.

All letters to be prepaid. Address G. E. Munton & Co., opposite the Court House, Halifax.



IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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A true extract JAS. C. COCHRAN, Clerk of Assembly.