

TESTIMONIAL TO HON. J. W. JOHNSTON.—On Monday last a Committee of gentlemen appointed by a number of the friends of the Hon. Mr. Johnston, waited upon him with a highly complimentary Address, accompanied by a Cheque for Seven Thousand Dollars, as a token of their high appreciation of his public character and services.

Emancipation in the United States.

The late measure of President Lincoln for the "initiation of emancipation" has created quite a favorable impression in Britain. Of course there is a great variety of opinion with regard to the motives which induced him to make the proposal.

It is with Mr. Lincoln a proposal to convert all the great Border States into Free States—to do it constitutionally—that is by not interfering with their liberty to free their slaves or not—still, to make emancipation so desirable, that it seems hardly possible those States should not gladly accept the offer.

Table with 2 columns: State, Whites, Slaves. Includes Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee.

In the Slave States which remain, those which early united in Confederation, the blacks on the contrary, either nearly equal or in some of them exceed the whites. Emancipation ought to be, therefore, comparatively easy work in the Border States.

Mr. Lincoln, whatever his personal feelings may be in regard to the sin and immorality of slavery, deals with it, in this document, simply as a statesman and a commander-in-chief.

This is the first time, we believe, that the Federal Government has proposed to deal with slavery in any way but that of "compromise," which always meant strengthening its position.

These works, advertised in another column, if sent for to the Christian Messenger Office, will be supplied on the same terms, soon as received from Philadelphia.

May we hope that the end of the war is beginning? Desperate Southern resistance is still quite a possibility. The politicians who began the war have all at stake; but assuredly, according to all appearances, to use the expressive Yankee phrase, the rebellion seems to be "caving in."

News Summary.

The news by the English Steamer, which is up to the 5th inst., brings us nothing of particular interest. The action between the iron-clad Steamers Merrimac and Monitor, in the Hampton roads, has created much excitement in England, both in and out of Parliament, as throwing great doubt upon the question, how far it is expedient to build ships or construct forts, which may be rendered wholly inefficient and useless, when attacked by iron-cased ships which are impervious to shot or shell.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has brought forward his Budget, or Estimate of receipts and expenditures for the coming year. A deficiency in the past year's revenue to no very great amount has occurred.

We are still without any very definite accounts of the great battle of Pittsburg in Tennessee, which was fought on Sunday and Monday, the 6th and 7th inst., or of its real results. The contest was most obstinate and sanguinary, and lasted many hours.

The last week has been remarkable for the spring or rather summerlike weather that has prevailed. Should it continue, there will yet be an early spring, notwithstanding the great quantity of snow with which the woods are still filled, and the most unusual quantities of ice that have enveloped our Eastern coasts and the whole of Newfoundland.

The only active operations of the season as yet commenced, are those of our Gold diggers, who have begun in earnest their search for the precious ore. East and West the eagles are gathering to her. We hope the eagerness to acquire the coveted bullion, will not seriously interfere with the more safe and profitable labours of our farmers,—a consequence much to be feared.

Notices, &c.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the N. S. Baptist Education Society, at the College Library, on Wednesday the 7th of May, at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Augustus Shields requests us to notify that his Post Office address for a time, will be North Sydney, C. B.

Acadia Athenaeum.

POSTPONEMENT OF LECTURE.—The Lecture advertised to have been delivered by Charles Tupper, Esq., M. D., at Wolfville, on the 11th, was unavoidably postponed to Friday Evening, the 25th inst.

Doors open at 6 1/2 o'clock. Tickets to be had at George V. Rand's, and at the door.

"The Horse and his Diseases" and "The Family Doctor."

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Letters Received.

- Rev. W. McPhee, 4th. H. E. Fitch, Esq. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 10th. £2. John Whitman, 9th. 25s. Rev. W. Burton.—We send all the "Articles" we have on hand. If you need more now, will print some, otherwise it may be better to wait and see if the Associations make any revision, before doing so.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

WINE HARBOUR AND SHERBROOK GOLD DIGGINGS.

The following very sensible letter will be read with interest both by those acquainted with the writer and others.

Mr. Editor,—Having seen something of what Gold Mining is, I embrace this opportunity to pen a few remarks to you for publication, if they may be thought worthy. The harbour is a beautiful sheet of water about a mile long, almost enclosed by the land, inaccessible by vessels on account of a bar making across the entrance.

Visitors are coming every day,—some to see for themselves, others offering to hire for from \$10 to \$15 a month. It is thought that wages will be low all the summer. It is not of much use for young men to come here with less than £30 or £40 in their pocket.

Wine Harbour Diggings are good. More gold has been taken from them than from any Sherbrooke diggings is an interesting place at present; more are centering there than here. Country Harbour is also coming into repute. Activity is manifest there in building Hotels, &c., which are very much wanted here.

£30 and £40 have been taken out of one or two pits a day,—that is in the richest lead. Some others will doubtless do as well. There is no crusher in operation here yet, but two are expected in a month or two.

Mr. Editor, this is the first time that I have written to you. If you can make use of anything it contains, it will encourage me again. I hope to have better arranged thought in future. I am hardly settled yet, but hope I am in a way to do well.

I am yours, &c., OTIS EATON.

THE OVENS AND BRIDGEWATER.

Active preparations are going on at the "Ovens." A large number of buildings are being erected. Persons are arriving there daily from all parts. Prospects still encouraging. The Crusher will be ready and commence operations about the first of May.

QUICK WORK.—One of our Dry Goods Merchants received several bales of Goods by the ship Roseneath, thirty-four days after the order for them left this city, per Cunard steamer.

A GOOD SHOT.—A few days ago one of the Sergeants of the Chebucto Greys shot a loon through the head, while swimming in the water, with a ball from his rifle, at a distance of eight hundred yards—the rifle being sighted for that distance.

Death has again made an inroad upon our ranks, and the next victim of the last enemy is the Rev. Dr. James Shreve, the Rector of Dartmouth. Our lamented brother, after a protracted sickness has gone to rest; and another parish has been deprived of its Pastor.

We have been informed that the snow banks at Mount Thom reach up to the telegraph wire.—There was one snow bank in the neighborhood of the town 20 feet high.—Sun.

FIRES.—On Monday evening last a Saloon near the Railway Depot, occupied by Mr. McLennan, was burnt to the ground.

Early on Tuesday morning also an alarm was sounded when it was found that a building belonging to Mr. Letson, near the Common, was on fire. Considerable damage was done, but the house was not entirely destroyed.

ASPY BAY, CAPE NORTH, 10th April.—From Sunday night, up to this morning, we had a heavy snow storm, with a gale of wind from the North East. To-day weather is dull. But little ice North; none in the Bay. Quite a number of seals were taken at Bay St. Lawrence yesterday.—C. B. News.

The Royal Gazette of Wednesday last contained a long list of appointments. With the exception of the following, we have been obliged to defer their insertion till next week.

To be Chief Gold Commissioner—The Hon. Samuel Creelman.

To be Notaries Public—Adms G. Archibald, Jonathan McCully, Stewart Campbell, Hiram Blanchard, Hugh McDonald and Alex. C. McDonald.

MAP OF HALIFAX COUNTY, &c.—Mr. Chase of Portland, is about perfecting a map of Halifax County, showing all our roads, streams, ponds, bays, harbors, and even all the dwellings, churches, mills, manufactories, &c., as they stand on the roads, with the citizens' name at his place of residence; also a plan, on a large scale, of the city of Halifax, showing the streets, wharves, public buildings, residences and stores generally over the entire city.

THE ARMY WORM.—A lively specimen of the army worm has been left at our office. From his size, he must have been of last year's hatch. He was picked up in a garden, in a dormant state, having hibernated on the side of a lath lying on the surface of the ground, which says a good deal for his constitution. This is not likely to be the sole survivor, and the pest is not unlikely to make its appearance at a much earlier period this season, and possibly in increased numbers as the season advances.

Newfoundland.

In consequence of the Steamer Ospry being detained in the ice for such a length of time on her last trip to Newfoundland, the schr. Matilda Hopewell was engaged by Messrs. S. Cunard & Co., to carry the mails, &c.

She left here March 25th. On 29th fell in with large quantities of ice 150 miles, S. W. of Cape Race—had to go to the East as far as Long. 51.06 N., lat. 46.35 W. Passing through large quantities of ice on 1st April got off St. John harbor, but was not able to get nearer than 15 miles to the shore. Remained on the coast until the 6th, during which time saw about 50 vessels in the ice, with sails all furled—some of them sealers and some merchant vessels. On the 8th the wind increasing to a gale, bore up for Halifax, where she arrived on the 15th inst.

New Brunswick.

The great debate of the Session—the "Molasses" debate called forth a good deal of bitterness and seems to have left not a little sourness on the minds of some of our N. B. contemporaries. The Government carried the measure to put an additional tax of two cents per gallon on that article, together with an increase of duty on some other articles.

POLITICAL MATTERS.—The Visitor says:—"Our Provincial matters are going on from bad to worse, no attempt is made to improve them, and their wretched condition is justified on the ground that other places are as badly, if not worse governed, and that these evils have had a long existence! Monstrous! Is this the end to which Liberalism and reform have come after a seven years' lease of unexampled power and control?"

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.—On Monday afternoon a little boy named Casey, about three years of age, swallowed a copper nail and died within five minutes after.—Finn.

Canada.

Diphtheria prevails to an alarming extent at Gaspé, Lower Canada. Seven members of one family had died of it.

Canada: Why we Live in it, and why we like it, is the name of a new English volume.

A New Jersey soldier sent to a friend in Canada a rebel bombshell, stating that the load had been withdrawn. The shell was placed in a hotel window, and the guests threw lighted matches into it. On being put into it, a tremendous explosion occurred, killing Charles Hamell and wounding R. Ackley so that he lived but two hours after, and causing great damage to the hotel.

West Indies.

FIRE IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA.—There was a great fire in Kingston, Jamaica, on the 31st of March. The entire property bounded by Church, King, and Harbor streets and the harbor, including Port Royal and Little Port Royal streets and temple Lane, was destroyed. Loss £300,000 sterling.