

couragement and facility in their power to our young men of talent and enterprize. Our country may take its station proudly among the nations of earth—Nova Scotians have earned laurels on the battle fields, which have endeared them to the hearts of the people. We may point with pleasure to our statesmen, clergymen, militarymen, shipbuilders, mechanics, the medical faculty, men of learning—not forgetting our few native poets. And now we may add another to the long list of honourable-mentions, being, I believe, the first Nova Scotian that ever graduated in a Musical Institution.

Nova Scotia is becoming known abroad. The time was when she was considered of but little or no importance. Not so now. Our mines and mineral resources—our agricultural interests and fisheries—our vast timber lands and unparalleled water-power—our religious liberties, together with the high tone of intelligence among the masses give our beautiful country a wide spread fame which will increase as our resources become developed.

Mr. Editor, I hold that it is the duty of those possessing musical talents to cultivate them; it for no other purpose, to aid in celebrating the worship of our Maker.

Many of our places of worship are sadly deficient in this respect, only for the want of proper instruction. I am no musician myself, but I would respectfully suggest to leaders of choirs the desirableness of obtaining the services of Professor Gates or some other good Teacher. Have the old Singing Societies reorganized, that the praises of our Maker may ascend on high without grating on the ear of the listener, as is too often the case now, I am glad to learn that Mr. Gates intends giving the people of his own native country the benefit of his studies, although strongly solicited to pursue his profession in the States.

Yours, &c.,
ADVANCEMENT.

Religious Intelligence.

BAPTIST PRINCIPLES IN FRANCE.—Count de Gasparin, a celebrated French author and statesman, has lately written a work entitled "Our Perils, Our Strength, Our Hopes." A notice in the Canadian Baptist, of this work, probably from the pen of Rev. N. Cyr, speaks thus of it:—"In the last lecture he maintains that the hope of the Church is in the study of and obedience to the Scriptures. He wants every believer, nay every man to draw himself and for himself from this fountain of living water, denouncing, at the same time, the Confessions of Faith which have been made a procrustean bed in the established churches, and says: "Perfection on this point seems to have been realized, first in the midst of the primitive churches, which knew only one rule, namely, the Scriptures of the Old Testament, explained and completed by the teachings of the Apostles; and, in our own time in the Baptist churches, which also acknowledge but one rule, the Bible. Add to this the solemn question addressed to all those who wish to join by baptism: Dost thou believe in the Lord Jesus? And, in this double fact, the profession of a faith which supposes conversion, and the absolute authority of the Word of God, you will have no trouble in finding the most beautiful, the most positive, and the surest confession of faith." This, certainly, is good doctrine, and it is very gratifying to find it in such an author as Count de Gasparin.

"Speaking of the Church of the future, or of his 'hopes,' he says: 'Sacraments, in general, will be divested of their ambiguous and mysterious character; the very term sacrament will doubtless disappear, and we shall find ourselves as the first Christians, in presence of two ceremonies as simple as they are august, by which the child of God professes his faith and is confirmed in the same.'

PROSECUTION OF BISHOP COLENSO.—We learn by the mail from the Cape of Good Hope that has arrived this week, that the writ summoning the Bishop of Natal to appear before the Bishop of Capetown as Metropolitan, on the 22nd of November, to answer to a charge of having published heretical opinions, has been received by the bishop's proctors. It is not expected that Dr. Colenso will acknowledge the jurisdiction.—John Bull.

ADULT BAPTISM IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Twenty-two adults were baptized in the church of St. Paul, Walworth, on a late Sunday evening. The clergy and choir proceeded to the font after the second lesson, and the sacred rite was administered in the presence of a crowded congregation.

Sir Morton Peto has built several, and intends to build three other Baptist chapels in London, at a cost of 2500l each. Of this the hon. baronet will contribute 5,000l, on condition that the Baptist Building Fund will lend the remainder.

ILLINOIS.—As the result of the recent work of grace in the Jacksonville Baptist church, Ill., fifty-one persons were added by baptism, and several others united by letter and experience.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
Halifax, July 23, 1863.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Hon. John Creighton, of Lunenburg, to be one of the members of the Executive Council.

29TH JULY.

To be the Chief Gold Commissioner for the Province.—Peter S. Hamilton, in place of Samuel Creelman.

To be the Chairman of the Board of Works.—Frederic Brown, in place of Hugh Munro.

To be the Immigrant Agent for the Province.—The Hon. Henry G. Pines, in place of Thomas Morrison.

To be the Commander of the Government Schooner "Daring."—Capt. James O'Bryan.

To be Superintendent of Light Houses, and other public property.—Captain John H. Kendrick, in place of Matthew D. McKenna.

To be Notaries Public.—Hon. Jas. W. Johnston; Hon. Wm. A. Henry; Hon. Alexander McFarlane; Hon. John Creighton; John L. Tremain; Joseph Coombs.

To be the Committee of Management under the Act to provide for Agricultural Exhibitions, and the improvement of Stock.—For District No. 3, including the Counties of Annapolis, Avard Longley; Lunenburg, Abraham Hebb; Kings, George Hamilton, in conjunction with Hon. John Creighton, and Hon. S. L. Shannon.

For District No. 4, including the Counties of Pictou, W. H. Harris; Antigonishe, Robert Trotter; Guysborough, John J. Marshall, in conjunction with Hon. Alex. McFarlane, and Hon. John McKinnon.

To be the Clerk of the Executive Council, Deputy Provincial Secretary and Chief Clerk in the Secretary's Office.—James H. Thorne, in place of Wm. H. Keating, (to take effect from the 15th day of August next.)

To be Supervisor of Great Roads, from Colchester County Line to Strait of Canso.—Adam McKenzie, in place of G. W. A. Lowden.

IN THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX.—To be the Registrar of Deeds.—W. H. Keating, in place of George C. Whidden, (to take effect from the 15th day of August next.)

To be Gauger and Proof Officer for the Port of Halifax.—Samuel Caldwell, in place of Wm. T. Townsend.

To be an Officer for the Protection of the Revenue.—William Cragg, in place of James Kerr.

To be additional Commissioners for carrying into effect the Provisions of the Act passed in the last Session of the Legislature in relation to the purchase of a Site in the City of Halifax for public purposes.—Alfred G. Jones and John Doull.

To be one of the Coroners of the County.—Alfred Croucher, M. D.

To be one of the Commissioners for the Poor Asylum.—George P. Mitchell, in place of John Esson, deceased.

IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.—To be Collector of Colonial Duties, and Controller of Customs for Pugwash.—James McNab, (reinstated) in place of David Rogers, by whom Mr. McNab was superseded in 1860.

To be Collector of Colonial Duties, Surveyor of Shipping and Controller of Customs for the Port of Amherst.—James W. Delaney, in place of Robert McCully.

IN THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND.—To be Commissioners for the construction of St. Peter's Canal.—William LeVisconte, in place of the Hon. Isaac LeVisconte, (resigned) and Edward P. Flinn, in place of Joseph Martell, who has removed from the Province.

IN THE COUNTY OF VICTORIA.—To be Collector of Colonial Duties and Controller of Customs at Kelly's Cove.—John McNeill, in place of Alexander Munro. Bouldarderie, (Office to be removed to Kelly's Cove.)

To be an Officer for the Protection of the Revenue.—John Dunn, in place of Keyran Conway, removed from the Province.

IN THE COUNTY OF PICTOU.—To be one of the Trustees of the Academy at Pictou.—David Mattheson, in place of James Purves deceased.

To be one of the Commissioners for Pilots.—Donald McDonald, in place of James Purves deceased.

To be Tide Waiter and Seizing Officer at Pictou.—Alexander G. McKay, reinstated in place of Alexander McPherson.

To be one of the Coroners for the County.—John B. Fraser, M. D.

IN THE COUNTY OF YARMOUTH.—To be Custos Rotarorum for the District of Yarmouth.—William H. Moody, in place of E. W. B. Moody, deceased.

IN THE COUNTY OF ANnapolis.—To be Post Master at Annapolis Royal.—William R. Ruggles, in place of Thomas Henderson.

To be Post Master at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis.—Charles Hoyt, in place of Angus M. Gidney.

To be Collector of Colonial Duties and Controller of Customs for the Port of Bridgetown.—Stephen S. Thorne, in place of James H. Thorne.

IN THE COUNTY OF QUEBENS.—To be Commissioners for Deepening and Improving the Harbor of Liverpool.—Thomas Rees; Thomas R. Patillo, Senr.; Matthew McLearn; Richard Mulhall; Samuel Freeman, Junr.; James H. DeWolf.

COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.—To be Health Officer at Lunenburg.—Stannage Jacobs, M. D., in place of Godfrey Jacobs, M. D., deceased.

The Express says it is rumored that Lord Mulgrave will, at his own request, be relieved of the Governorship of this Province.

CIVIC.—On Thursday last the Bench of Judges gave their decision between the city authorities and the Telegraph Company. They decided that the company have the right to erect posts through Water Street.

The City Council have decided to allow Alderman Spence to take his seat at the Council Board. He took the oath, and was sworn into office on Monday last and is now one of our respectable body of City Fathers.

The consent of the Governor in Council was conveyed to the City Council to assess the citizens the additional £3000 required.

Last week, four convicts who had been taken from the city prison to work upon the Kempt road, managed to effect their escape. One of their number has since been arrested, but the others are yet at large.

A soldier of the 17th Regiment, named Burley, was drowned at Chobham Camp on Tuesday morning. While in the water, he became entangled in the long grass in the vicinity, rendering all attempts to save him unavailing.

THE FLOWER SHOW at the Horticultural Gardens on Thursday last, was not large but consisted of some splendid specimens of plants and flowers. Cards of merit were awarded to Mr. J. Harris, Mr. W. Rhind, Mr. A. J. Ritchie, Dr. Cogswell, and James Cochran, Esq., also to Miss Bessonett.

THE BAZAAR held on the same day in the Rink building realized the handsome sum of \$400, to be appropriated to the new School house at Richmond.

THE ANNUAL SCULL RACE, for the championship of Halifax harbor, came off on Saturday last. Four boats entered, two of which gave up the contest shortly after starting. The Tangier, pulled by Mr. GEORGE LOVETT, won the race. This makes the fourth time that Lovett has won the belt—three times in succession.

An examination was held on the 30th ult., in Amherst Court House, of a boy named Mills, who, a few days ago, discharged a gun at a Mrs. Goldsmith, whilst standing in the door of her own house. He was fully committed to take his trial before the Supreme Court.—Chronicle.

GOLD NEWS.—In Cape Breton.—A letter appears in the Cape Breton News, from A. F. Haliburton, Esq., stating that Gold has been found in Middle River. Mr. H. personally visited the "Diggings," and thus describes them: "The place they work is a deep ravine, between two high mountains, say about 2 miles long, entering into the river, and offers but little alluvial diggings. The mountain stream cuts deep through a hard rocky bed of stone, and nearly at the head it cuts through soft blue slate—where a fine vein of quartz crops out. Mr. H. whilst there was shown a nugget of pure gold about the size of a French bean, and he expresses his opinion that the whole mountains, which are composed of loose quartz and light soil, are auriferous, and that this summer will open up in Middle River extensive and important diggings."

At Renfrew the prospects continue to improve and operations are largely extending. Eight tons from Messrs. Daly, Harding & Co's claim we are told realized 32 ozs. the present week; and a lot of 12½ tons from the Preeper lead, produced 50 ozs.

NOVA SCOTIA PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above Society was held at Mason Hall on Friday. The attendance of shareholders was rather larger than usual.—The Secretary presented the Annual Report, which was read and adopted. From that document we learn that the gross receipts since the formation of the Society are £241,415 18 4; present amount on mortgage, £83,528, 3 5; net balance of Contingent Fund after paying all expenses, £9,056 14 11; Bonus on Cycle, which will mature during the present year, exceeds 14 per cent.

The Directors expressed their deep regret at the demise of their late Secretary, whose character and services they eulogized, and also condoled with the widow and family of the deceased.

After the passage of the Report, the following Resolution was moved by S. Seldin, Esq., and seconded by W. MacKay, Esq., which, after having been eloquently spoken to by Hon. Mr. Johnston, passed unanimously.

Whereas,—We, the Shareholders and Members of the Nova Scotia Permanent Benefit Building Society, in Annual Meeting now assembled, having been informed by the Report of the Board of Directors, just read, of the death of our late Secretary and Treasurer, John Burton, Esquire;

Be it therefore Resolved, 1st.—That we embrace the present, our earliest opportunity, of recording our high appreciation of the character of Mr. Burton, for his many Christian virtues, and especially his untiring assiduity in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him in his official capacity in connection with this Society, and his fidelity to the interests of its members. Whilst we feel that the sudden removal of Mr. Burton is a loss to us all, we would tender to his bereaved family our sincere sympathy and condolence under their present affliction and sorrow.

Resolved, 2nd.—That the President be respectfully requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Burton.

Considerable discussion arose in reference to the office of Secretary, and the mode of paying that officer. It was finally resolved that the appointment of Mr. J. W. Burton, by the Directors, be confirmed, and that the salary be fixed at one half the rate per share previously paid.

A. McKinlay, Esq., was elected Auditor, on behalf of the Shareholders. The three retiring Directors Messrs. Harrington, Mott and Wier,

were also re-elected, after which the meeting adjourned.—Sun.

POOR BEN.—We were sorry to hear that Ben Christmas was to appear with James Paul and some other Indians to give an entertainment at St. John. About fifty persons were present. On the following Monday he was brought before the Police magistrate for drunkenness.

THE CIRCUS AT WINDSOR VS. THE SABBATH.—Windsor, July 28th, 1863.—Mr. Editor.—Messrs. S. O. Wheeler and Charles Cameron, Proprietors of the Circus, were fined yesterday by G. B. Sanford, Esq., on information of D. Mosher, the Clerk of License, in the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty cents Fine and Costs, for violation of the Sabbath.

The amount has been appropriated as follows:
Justices,\$2 00
Constables, 1 50
Counsel, 4 00
The poor of the town, 8 00
The Union Sabbath School at 3 male pupils, 2 00

Yours &c., WINDSOR.

A STRANGER.—A large sword fish was caught in a salmon net belonging to Mr. David McGrath, at the Partridge Cove, head of Bedford Basin, on Thursday morning. It measured from the point of the sword to the end of the tail, 10 ft. 3 in.; girth at shoulder, 4 ft. 6 in.; length of sword, 3 ft. 11 in.; across the tail fins, 3 ft. 3 in.

SAD AND FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Monday afternoon, William Herry, son of Mr. Alex. Cowie of this town, fell into the river near his father's residence and was drowned before assistance could reach him. He was an active, intelligent little fellow, five years of age, and his loss must be a severe blow to his parents with whom we sympathize deeply.—Liverpool Transcript.

Prince Edward Island.

The sub-marine cable, connecting this Island with the Province of New Brunswick—out of order for a few days during the past week—has been under-run, the defect repaired, and it is now in good working order.—P. E. Island paper, 24th ult.

New Brunswick.

W. B. Merrill, who was arrested in St. John a few days ago upon a charge of enticing persons to enlist in the Federal service, has skeddaddled from that city. After being arrested he was liberated on bail, himself in \$500, and two sureties in \$300 each. Before leaving he deposited \$600 in the hands of his bail. His trial had not terminated when he took his departure.

HARBOR FORTIFICATIONS.—We learn that the Hon. Solicitor General received a despatch from Halifax on Friday night, inquiring whether the parties owning lands on the proposed sites for the fortifications at Nigger Town Point and Red Head were willing to dispose of the land, and we are told all agreed to the terms proposed.—Post, July 27.

We are informed by the Editor of the Visitor that he met the Rev. E. F. Foshay, at his father's residence in Salisbury. He is looking thin, but is rapidly improving, and hopes, in a few months, to be able to resume his ministerial duties.

Rev. E. B. DeMill, we regret to state, continues in a very feeble condition, and is growing weaker daily. His brother, Professor James DeMill, is with him to comfort him with acts of brotherly sympathy in this hour of his extreme weakness.

On the 17th inst., the St. Andrews railway train ran over and killed four oxen. The Engine was thrown off the rails and delayed a short time.

Canada.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—The Montreal Witness of Monday July 23, says: "Our respected fellow citizen, Ebenezer Muir, Esq., and his partner in life, celebrate to-day, we understand, the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage in the midst of their descendants, numbering forty-seven souls, three of whom are prominent business men of this city."

CLASSICAL TEACHER IN THE CANADIAN LITERARY INSTITUTE.—We are happy to learn that the Trustees have made this appointment. Mr. James E. Wells, Jr., A.M., a native of New Brunswick, and honored graduate of Acadia College, has been selected. He is an experienced teacher, and comes highly recommended as a christian, a man, and a scholar.—Canadian Baptist.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.—As the parliamentary session approaches, and the day for the great trial of strength between the two parties draws nigh, the ministerialists sensibly lower the tone of confidence they have been in the habit of expressing in their numbers and power. Doubts about the disposition of the new House to sustain the Ministry are rising like dark clouds to ever-shadow the hopes of the party. They are no longer jubilant as they were three-weeks ago. The fear of defeat presides, tyrant-like, over the councils of the Administration; and the future is overshadowed with gloom.—Toronto Leader.

The Quebec Vindicator reports that a force of 25,000 active volunteers is now fully organized in Canada, and that companies representing 10,000 more are to be accepted. Government have gone to the full extent of the funds voted until further action of Parliament. 2000 volunteers have yet to be supplied with new clothing, which will be done at once.