

OUR Legislature is to meet to-morrow "for the despatch of business." What that business is to be we shall learn in due course.

The "news" in a late New Brunswick paper, given in the form of a rumor, "that a General Election was to take place in Nova Scotia before the meeting of the Assembly," and that "the Government would go to the country on the question of the Intercolonial Railway," seems to "have but little of truth in it."

We could but smile at the good advice of our New Brunswick contemporary suggesting to the Legislature of that province, "that all party squabbles, merely for the sake of the 'loaves and fishes,' be thrown to the winds, and that conservatives and liberals go to work heart and soul to promote the progress and develop the resources of our growing province."

There will probably be an effort made at the commencement of the session to take up the thread of last session, so as to join to it the action of the present. Until this is done, and the party questions are disposed of, we need not expect any progress in legislation.

News Summary.

The telegram of Thursday last brought the intelligence that the blockade of Charleston, had been broken and declared by the Foreign Consuls to be raised, but the following day this was contradicted.

The stone-fleet sunk off the harbor last year, does not appear to be so effectual as to prevent the necessity for further blockade.

The resolutions concerning the French in Mexico, introduced to the U. S. Senate by Mr. McDougall, are causing some apprehension of difficulty with France.

Mr. McDougall contended that European Nations ought not to be allowed to make advances on the American Continent.

After a long stormy passage, the Royal Mail Steamer Europa arrived in port on Monday evening, with her bulwarks and paddle-boxes considerably battered.

adds somewhat to the distance over which she had to pass.

The news up to Jan. 24th, is in many respects, full of interest, not because of any great movements in national affairs, but from the progress towards important changes.

Thomas Killam, Esq., M. P. P., arrived in the Europa from England.

We give on another page some of the principal items.

Notices, &c.

Acadia Athenaeum.

Mr. Brenton H. Eaton, A. M., will deliver a lecture before the above society, at Wolfville, on the evening of Friday, Feb. 27th.

Subject:—"The gift of Gab."

S. MACVANE, Cor. Sec.

Western Board of Infirmary Minister's Fund.

The Board of the Infirmary Minister's Fund of the Western Nova Scotia Baptist Association, will meet (D. V. on Tuesday) the 24th inst., at the house of Mr. William John, of St. Mary's Bay, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

A full attendance is requested.

CHARLES RANDALL.

Meetings at Upper Stewiacke.

A series of meetings will be held at Upper Stewiacke, commencing on the 21st inst. Our brethren in the ministry, and others who may make it convenient, are urgently requested and warmly invited to attend.

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Associated Alumni.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums:—

- Rev. Edward Hickson, Miramichi.....\$4.00
Rev. E. C. Cady.....4.00
Mr. John Marsters.....4.00
Mr. Arthur Marsters.....4.00
Mr. Joseph Marsters.....4.00
Mr. John Harding.....4.00
Miss Seely.....4.00
Mr. Abraham Easterbrooks.....4.00
Mr. Brundage.....1.00

\$33.00

D. McN. PARKER, Treasurer.

The Rev. E. N. Harris was one of the passengers from England by the Europa, and intends to proceed forthwith to Liverpool, where he may be expected next Lord's Day to enter upon his labors, having received, as we are informed, a unanimous invitation to the pastorate.

We trust the brethren at Liverpool after having passed through so much trial and being so long without a pastor, will have an abundant blessing resting upon them, and that Zion may arise and shine as in former days.

Letters Received.

- Peter Corkum, 26th, 12s. 6d. Rev. J. M. Harris, 24th, \$3. Adam E. Durland, 30th, 20s., 1 sub. Robt. C. Grant, 25th, 1 sub. Rev. A. Shields, 29th, 1 sub. J. P. Saunders, 17th, 20s., and 30th, £2 6s. 10d.—payable March 31st. Rev. W. H. Porter, 20s., 2 sub. P. F. Murray, 28th, 20s., 2 sub. Rev. W. Dobson, 2nd, 5s., 1 sub. Rev. John Shaw, 28th, 25s. T. H. Rand, 4th, £2 12s. Hance Mills, 4th, 1 sub. J. L. Brown, 2nd, 10s. Rev. D. M. Welton. Rev. J. H. Moore, 3rd. Rev. Chas. Randall, 25s. Jas. Greeno, Esq., 5th, 10s., 1 sub. F. Hubley, 2 sub.—The former 10s. came all right.—Are not aware of having any account of the death you mention. Hy. Keddy, 24th, 20s.—to Sep. 30, 1863. G. V. Rand, 9th, 1 sub. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 6th, £3. S. McVane, 9th. Rev. W. G. Parker, 26th, 20s., 1 sub. Ward Eaton, Esq., 7th, 20s. John R. Ross, 31st, 20s. N. R. Newcomb, 5th. Thos. Crowe, 5th. J. W. Bars, 6th, 10s.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

CITY MISSION.—The Annual Public Meeting of the Halifax City Mission, will be held (D. V.) in Granville Street Chapel, on Monday evening, the 16th inst., at half past seven o'clock. Collection in aid of the funds.

MIC-MAC MISSION ANNIVERSARY.—The Thirteenth Anniversary of the Nova Scotia Mic-Mac Missionary Society, will be held (D.V.) in Poplar Grove Church, on Tuesday evening, the 17th ult., at half past seven o'clock. Collection in aid of the funds.

THE BRITISH OPERATIVES RELIEF FUND has had additions during the past week—from Wine Harbor, Onslow and Wilnot. The total amount reported is \$23,643,204.

THE NEW MARKET is making good progress. During the past week the frame has been erected, and it appears as if it would soon be carried forward to completion.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—M. B. Desbrisay, Esq., has furnished in the Record, the particulars of a sad accident at Chester, on the 24th ult., arising from venturing on the ice before it was sufficiently firm.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—A man named O'Connor was found on the top of one of the rail-cars as it was proceeding a few miles from Windsor on Monday morning. On examination he was found to be quite dead.—It appears that he was a carpenter going to Mount Uniacke and having got on a platform car at Windsor, was passing over to the second class cars when he was struck by the bridge and instantly killed.

GOLD.—It is stated that one and a half tons of quartz from Kirk's pit, Wine Harbor, recently crushed, yielded forty-six ounces of gold!—Express.

PROVINCIAL INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE.—The Nova Scotia Institute of Natural Science held its second meeting on Monday evening 2nd inst. P. C. Hill, Esq., President, delivered a short address, in which he showed the objects which the society had in view.

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.—We have been requested to state that Temperance meetings are being held by Mr. F. Beattie, under the auspices of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, at Bedford; on Monday last; Sackville, Tuesday; Hammond's Plains, this day, Wednesday; St. Margaret's Bay, on Thursday or Friday, the 12 or 13th inst.—Chester and vicinity will be visited during the following week.

Prince Edward Island.

The election of Representatives to the House of Assembly, is scarcely concluded before that of Legislative Councillors is to take place. The Nominations were to take place on the 4th and the polling on the 11th, this day. This body is to consist of thirteen members, who are to be not less than thirty years of age and residents of not less than five years in the colony.

It appears that there are quite a number of Candidates for the honor of a seat in the Upper House. Moderation is urged on the people, by the party in power.

The electors who have votes for Legislative Councillors must be possessed of freehold or leasehold property to the value of one hundred pounds, and must have had such property not less than twelve months.

The possibility of a majority of the Council being of the party in opposition to the government and there being no remedy for such casualty, renders this election one of great interest to the people, as well as to politicians generally.

On Declaration Day in Charlottetown after the speeches of the members returned, three cheers were given for Her Majesty the Queen, and three for the immortal memory of King William III.

POLITICAL PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS.—The bitterness of political animosity does not always pass away so easily as it arises. We learn by a letter in the P. E. I. Protestant, from the Rev. George Sutherland of the Free Church, that on the publication of a Pastoral Letter from the Presbytery, we presume intended to influence the elections, there arose a difference of opinion—some of the members being in favor of one political party and some of the other.

"It is unquestionably libellous and my friends of the highest standing in the community affirm that I cannot allow it to pass without a civil prosecution. I have therefore to inform Mr. Allan that unless this statement is publicly withdrawn, and an ample public apology given, he shall be prosecuted for it; and compelled to prove where in I have degraded myself as the tool of political faction, and wherein I have prostituted my ministerial influence."

These are some of the consequences of political triumphs.

New Brunswick.

A fine ship of 1294 tons, launched at St. John the other day, was named the Princess Alexandra.

It is said that on last Thursday night a soldier of the 15th named Hudson was confined in the guard room for drunkenness, and the next morning was found dead. It was supposed that he was suffocated.—St. John Freeman.

Canada.

The subscriptions in Montreal for the erection of a House of Industry, already amount to the munificent sum of \$25,000.

The Rev. James Caughey, so well known among all denominations of Christians as being what is termed a Revivalist, has arrived in Montreal.

A few days ago the barkeeper at Deschamps Hotel, Lachine, was serving a customer, but while handing the glass across the counter, suddenly dropped down in a fit of apoplexy, and died in a few moments.

A coloured man was elected school trustee for school section No. 1, in the township of Anderson, last week. Two other trustees, (white) were elected with him, no one demanding a poll. The white trustees have declined to serve.

An effort is being made in Guelph, C. W., to raise a Grenadier Company, front rank men to be not less than five feet ten inches, and rear rank five feet nine.

INSPECTION OF PICKLED FISH.—An Act to regulate the inspection of pickled and dry salted fish at Montreal, contains a section to the effect that all pickled fish that may hereafter be imported into the port of Montreal, which shall appear to have been regularly inspected at Halifax, N. S., or St. John, N. B., or in any of the United States of America, and are branded accordingly, may be sold in Montreal without any other inspection, unless the purchaser or purchasers of such fish shall think proper to have the same again inspected.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT AT POINT LEVI.—On Friday afternoon, while two young boys, one the son of Mr. Maxwell, storekeeper, aged 13 years, and the other the son of R. Langmuir, Esq., merchant, and Secretary of the Quebec Warehouse Company, aged 11 years, were amusing themselves by sliding on the crest of the hill in rear of the Grand Trunk Railroad station, an avalanche of snow took place, carrying the young lads with it, and burying them in a dense pack behind the gable of Mr. Maxwell's house, which skirts the road. The children were missed at six o'clock, and on search being made it was discovered that an avalanche had taken place. A number of men set to work, and after considerable time spent in digging away the snow, which was packed in a dense mass against the wall of the house, the bodies of the two children were found. From their posture, it was evident they were sliding in an oblique direction when the avalanche took place. They were buried so deep in the snow, which was so densely packed, that they must have been suffocated instantly. No marks were found on the bodies. On Saturday, Coroner Panet, held an inquest, at which the above facts were elicited, and a verdict of accidental death recorded.

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.—As the time for the seat of Government to be at Quebec, is about to expire, there is considerable excitement as to where it shall be located. The parliamentary building at Ottawa will not be finished it is said for two or three years and the people of Toronto are agitating for the government to be again located in that western capital. The people of Quebec however are desirous of that city being its location, and affirm that Toronto has not now suitable accommodation for the several offices.

Sir John Beverley Robinson, late Chief Justice of Upper Canada, died at Toronto on the 29th ult.

CHANGE IN THE CABINET.—Mr. Bureau has accepted the position of Provincial Secretary in the Canadian Government. Mr. Dorion refused to re-accept the appointment he had resigned in consequence of his opposition to the Intercolonial Railway project.

EXPECTED EMIGRATION.—It is stated that the Canadian Government intend to take measures to attract to that province a considerable proportion of the spring emigrants from the old country. The emigration agencies in Europe have been abolished, their advantages being small in comparison with the cost. A provincial emigration office is to be opened at Liverpool during the season; and Mr. Buchanan, the chief emigrant agent at Quebec, will probably be entrusted with its management.

PACIFIC TELEGRAPH vs. INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—It is said that the Canadian Ministry intend to propose to parliament a grant of £20,000 sterling per annum in aid of telegraph communication with the Pacific; upon which the Hamilton Spectator remarks:

"The Quebec and Halifax Railway was deemed a monstrous proposition, but what shall we say of such a proposal as this? Really, our economizing ministers are a brilliant set! * * * A storm is brewing in the Cabinet, and fearful will be the effect when it comes."

The Quebec Gazette of the 28th ult., states that respecting this intercolonial project, it is further reported that the governments of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will try to carry it out in their legislatures, when they meet on the 12th of February; and if successful, will proceed to survey the route.