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the despatch of business." What that busi- had to pass. ness is to be we shall learn in due course.

a General Election was to take place in Nova the progress towards important changes. Scotia before the meeting of the Assembly," and that "the Government would go to the the Europa from England. country on the question of the Intercolonial Railway," seems to have but little of truth cipal items. in it. Whether such rumor actually came from this side the Bay, or is indebted for its paternity to the editor who wrote it, we know not. Nor did we know till recently that there would not be an election before our wise men' came together. We presume that there will be no dissolution till the close of the present Parliament. *This session wil! complete the term of four years for which our Representatives are elected. Early in the approaching summer, probably there will be a General Election. The legislation of this session will most likely have reference to that event. The speeches made will be for the several constituencies, and intended to operate upon them in securing a renewal of the votes of those by whom the members are sent to the House of Assembly.

We could but smile at the good advice of our New Brunswick contemporary suggesting to the Legislature of that province, "that all 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." We occasionally have such advice given in this province, by one party when they are in power, and by another when they hold the reins. What it means the people pretty well understand.

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. questions of Gold Bill, Railway extension, Education, Temperance, &c., &c. The franchise will probably be talked about, and the wish expressed that it were limited to holders of property, but we doubt if any thing will be done. It is not easy to withdraw political privileges after they are once conceded.

News Summary

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. We do not give much however, some ground for the report, as may be seen by later information under that head.

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 present fleet off Charleston comprises about thirty vessels, all under steam. They are stationed along the entire outlet, guarding 6th, 10s. every channel or inlet.

The resolutions concerning the French in Mexico, introduced to the U.S. Senate by Mr. McDougall, are causing some apprehension of difficulty with France. On the motion being made to bring them up, on the 3rd inst., -Mr. Sumner said he objected to the consideration of the resolutions at the present time, or to the opening of a discussion on the and France, in the present condition of the lection in aid of the funds. public business. He thought there was no time for a discussion which, at best, would be useless. He objected to the discussion in France and Mexico. Either the resolutions reant nothing or something. If they meant anything, they meant war, and no common war, but war with a great and adventurous nation, and by no consent of his should a discussion arise which could only give aid to the rebellion.

Mr. McDougall contended that European Nations ought not to be allowed to make advances on the American Continent. The la-Mexico. France had invaded a sister Repube to the city. lie upon our borders and on our weakest FATAL ACCIDENT.-M. B. Desbrisay, Esq. should meet the condemnation of every one. The resolutions were taken up, 20 to 16.

Mail Steamer Europa arrived in port on Monday evening, with her bulwarks and paddleboxes considerably battered. A series of westerly storms caused the delay. But little that the southerly course taken at this season, next morning.

OUR Legislature is to meet to-morrow "for adds somewhat to the distance over which she FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT .- A man named

The news up to Jan. 24th, is in many re-The "news" in a late New Brunswick spects, full of interest, not because of any paper, given in the form of a rumor, "that great movements in national affairs, but from

Thomas Killam, Esq., M. P. P., arrived in

We give on another page some of the prin-

Motices, &c.

Acadia Athenaum.

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 Infirm Minister's

The Board of the Infirm 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,

A full attendance is requested.

CHARLES RANDALL. Meetings at Upper Stewiacke.

A series of meetings will be held at Upper Stewi acke, commencing on the 21st inst. Our brethren in the ministry, and others who may make it conveniparty squabbles, merely for the sake of the ent, are urgently requested and warmly invited to

Associated Alumni.

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D. McN. PARKER, Treasurer.

The Rev. E. N. Harris was one of the passengers After that is accomplished, we may look for forthwith to Liverpool, where he may be expected some indication of what may be done on the next Lord's Day to enter upon his labors, having received, as we are informed, a unanimous invitation

We trust the brethren at Liverpool after having passed through so much trial and being so long without a pastor, will have an abandant 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., THE telegram of Thursday last brought the and 30th, £2 6s. 101d.—payable March 31st. Rev. W. H. Porter, 20s., 2 sut s. P. F. Murray, 28th, 20s., 2 subs. Rev. W. Dobson, 2nd, 5s., sub. Rev. John Shaw, 28th, 25s. T. H. Rand, 4th, £2 12s. Hance Mills, 4th, 1 sub. eredence to rumours of victories on either Rev. J. H. Moore, 3rd. Rev. Chas. Randali, J. L. Brown, 2nd, 10s. Rev. D. M. Welton. side till subsequently confirmed. There is, 25s. Jas. Greeno, Esq., 5th, 10s., 1 sub. F. Hubley, 2 subs .- 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. Barss,

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, relations of the Government with Mexico the 16th inst., at half past seven o'clock. Col-

MIC-MAC MISSION ANNIVERSARY. - The Thirteenteeth Anniversary of the Nova Scotia public of the relations of the country with in Poplar Grove Church, on Tuesday evening, the 17th ult., at half past seven o'clock. Co lection in aid of the funds.

The BRITISH OPERATIVES RELIEF FUND has had additions during the past week from Wine Harbor, Onslow and Wilmot. The total amount reported is \$23.643,201.

The NEW MARKET is making good progress. ed, and it appears as if it would soon be carried existence certainly not before it is required. test news from France stated that this expe- The old country market is a disgrace to the

side. It was a high-handed outrage, and 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 sufficieiently firm. Three persons-Stephen Dauph-After a long stormy passage, the Royal ney, William Daniel and Ellen Morash, the latter aged 14 years, were crossing an arm of the sea, when the ice gave way. Dr. Jamieson, Capt. Nass, and two other men were providentially near, and with difficulty succeeded in sav-Anxiety was felt, however, as it was known tunately drowned. Her body was found the

O'Connor was found on the top of one of the railcars 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 Widsor, was passing over to the second class cars when he was struck by the bridge and instantly killed. It is strange that men will be so careless, and that the directions given are not more heeded by passengers. A Coroner's inquest sat upon the body and brought in the verdict, Accidental Death."

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

PROVINCIAL INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCI-ENCE.-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. He ed within this Province for the study of all those died in a few moments. interested in Natural Science. He referred to successful labors of our talented fellow-countryman, Professor Dawson, and expressed his hope that others would be influenced to labor earnestly in the same path of zealous study. On the conclusion of Mr. Hill's address, Mr. Belt. C. E., read an interesting paper on the progressive elevation and depression of the solid parts of the earth-many of his facts, on which he founded his theory, being derived from personal observation. His opinion is that the whole of the Atlantic seaboard of North America is gradually sinking. The meeting was closed by a few remarks from the Earl of Mulgrave, expressive of his satisfaction at the formation of such a society.—Reporter.

requested to state that Temperance meetings are being held by Mr. F. Beattie, under the aus-Bedford, on Monday last, ; Sackville, Tuesday; Hammond's Plains, this day, Wednesday; St Margaret's Bay, on Thursday or Friday, the 12 proper to have the same again inspected. or 13th insta Chester and vicinity will be visited during the following week. We are also given to understand that P. G. W. P. Rev. A McArthur will commerce a lecturing tour next week in Hants County.

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 nor less than five years in the colony. The Council is to be partially renewed every four years, but cannot be dissolved by the Crown.

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 bundred 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. The majority of the government party in the Assembly, as given last week, is diminished by two, as it appears that James Muirhead, Esq., has been returned for Summerside, instead of Daniel Green, Esq., as then stated. This makes the numbers stand 17 to 13.

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 Wil-

POLITICAL PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS .-The bitterness of political animosity does not always pass away so easily as it arises. We Mic-Mac Missionary Society, will be held (D.V.) 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 What commenced in the Presbytery During the past week the frame has been erect- became public. Crimination and recrimination between the Rev. Messrs. Allen and Sutherland forward to completion. It is being brought into followed, and charges, not of the most gentlemanly character, have been brought by each against the other, until the latter gentleman has dition was expressly antagonistic to the pro-Merica B. United States in conquering long as it has by those who bring their produce so peculiarly offensive and damaging, it must come before the Presbytery, if not also before the Civil Court." He says :-

that I cannot allow it to pass without a civil prothat unless this statement is publicly withdrawn, will be the effect when it comes.', and an ample public apology given, he shall be prosecuted for it; and compelled to prove wherein 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 A lexandra.

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

A few days ago the barkeeper at Deschamps Hetel, Lachine, was serving a customer, but while handing the glass across the counter, sudpointed out the unbounded facilities that exist- denly dropped down in a fit of apoplexy, and

> 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 trus ees have delined to

> 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 TEMPERANCE MEETINGS .- We have been 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 pises of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, at branded accordingly, may be sold in Montreal without any other inspection, unless the purchaser or purchasers of such fish shall think

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

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 o 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 deem-" It is unquestionably libellous and my friends ed a monstrous proposition, but what shall we the highest standing in the community affirm say of such a proposal as this? Really, our economizing minisfers are a brilliant set! secution. I have therefore to inform Mr. Allan A storm is brewing in the Cabinet, and fearful

> 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.