

from expressions of opinion which have appeared in the newspapers occasionally, it had been in contemplation by its framers for some time past, and especially as the subject formed part of the Speech delivered at the opening of the Legislature, on the 12th of February. The Lieutenant Governor then said to the assembled members of both Houses, "Your attention will be invited to a measure having for its object a fairer adjustment of the division lines of the Districts and a more judicious and equitable distribution of the Franchise." We nevertheless accept the announcement of our contemporary to the contrary, notwithstanding.

We have no preference for universal suffrage, if a less objectionable franchise can be adopted. But we do think that any bill proposing to make an alteration in so important a matter as the representation of the people in parliament, and by some of its provisions disfranchises a large number of those who were formerly electors, and by their intelligence and property, and in every other respect, except that of being on the assessors's list, are as fully entitled to a vote, as those to whom it gives one, that there should also be some provision in the bill by which such persons may qualify themselves for using the right of freemen, their electoral privilege. We have no inclination or taste for the discussion of party politics, as such, but this measure we deem one outside of both parties, on which every man is required to have an opinion. With all due respect for our contemporary, we hold ourselves at liberty to use our own independent judgment as to what measures demand an expression of opinion from us, without consulting the pleasure of either party.

News Summary.

Our English Mails which arrived by the R. M. S. Canada on Friday, bring London dates to the 21st, ult.

We are furnished with very full details of the arrival and reception of the Princess Alexandra of Denmark, and of the marriage of the Prince of Wales on the 10th ult. The procession of the Princess through London on the 7th ult., was on a scale of great pomp and magnificence, and the universal and cordial greeting with which she has been received by the English public, afford a strong test of the popularity of the alliance, and the hopes formed of the future career of the Heir Apparent of the British throne and his youthful bride.

Owing to the enormous crowds assembled in the streets of London, now supposed to contain a population little short of three millions of souls, and the press and confusion which it was no doubt impossible entirely to control, several serious accidents occurred, and seven or eight lives were sacrificed and a number of persons much injured. We have given as full extracts as our space will allow.

The whole of Russian Poland, a country of large extent and containing a population of many millions, is in a state of active insurrection. Numerous conflicts, with parties of Russian soldiers had occurred, in all of which the insurgents appear to have been victorious. A young Soldier of Fortune the son of a physician of Posen, and a follower of Garibaldi in his Sicilian expedition, has been nominated by the Poles as the Dictator of the Kingdom, and has shewn an amount of energy, tact, and prudence which the cause greatly needs. It is however much to be feared that notwithstanding the enthusiasm and devotion of the people in the cause of liberty, they will be finally overpowered by the overwhelming legions of Russia. The whole of Europe appears to sympathize strongly with this daring effort to throw off a despotism founded in iniquity and exercised during three fourths of a century with warlike and relentless cruelty.

There is not much news from the seat of American warfare. Vicksburg still continues to hold out against the Federals, several of whose war steamers have been destroyed or disabled in attempting to pass the fortresses during the night. Reports have appeared in the Northern papers of the probability of the Confederates evacuating Richmond, and retiring further South, but they do not seem to rest on any certain intelligence. The Senate at Washington have passed strong resolutions repudiating the offered mediation of the French.

It appears that the Confederate Government are endeavouring to effect a large loan of several millions in Europe to assist in carrying on the war. It is to bear 7 per cent interest, payable in cotton at 5 1/2d. (we think) per lb., within twenty months, after a peace and the recognition of the Southern Confederacy; and redeemable in 20 years. It is said that a large amount of the stock has been taken up in France and England, and that it is at a premium of five per cent.

Notices, &c.

Received for Foreign Missions. From the Juvenile Missionary Society of Central Argyle, per Rev. Augustus Shields, \$10. The Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tupper, will please debit that sum to us.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the following sums:— Mrs. George Dodge, for native preachers, \$4 00 A Friend, for Female School, 20 00 CHARLES TUPPER, Sec'y. Aylesford, March 30, 1863.

Rev. Augustus Shields wishes us to intimate that his address is "Argyle."

Letters Received.

Rev. D. Freeman, 30th. Rev. A. Shields, 27th. per J. Ryder, Esq. M. Kinsman, 28th. J. L. Tremain, Esq., 27th. C. D. Randall, Esq., 30th. L. J. Walker, Esq., 30th—sent \$1 to Fredericton. Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, 26th, 1 sub. Rev. L. B. Gates, 27th. Jas. E. Potter, Esq., 26th, £2 10s. D. Mosher, Esq., 31st, 30s. Gideon Longille, 30th. 20s. H. Black, 2nd. E. McLatchy, Esq., 3rd. X. Z. Chipman, Esq. Rev. P. F. Murray, 1st. Thos. Freeman, 31st. A. Musgrave, 27th, and 28th. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 31st, 20s. W. H. Chipman, 3rd, 20s. Rev. W. Hall, 31st, 20s. Rev. John Shaw, 31st, 20s., 1 sub. B. L. Telfer, 31st, £2. C. H. Harrington, 31st. W. H. Rogers, 30th, and 3rd. Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., 2nd, 30s.—That was the mistake. J. D. paid to March 18th, 1863. E. D. Harris, Esq., 4th, £2. Rev. A. Chipman, 31st.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, April 1, 1863.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be a Notary Public—George B. Kenny. Halifax Co.—The Rev. G. W. Stewart and W. Landells to be Commissioners of Schools for the Rural District. The Rev. J. Waddell, do. for the Shore District. William Ackhurst to be a Justice of the Peace.

Kings Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—John W. Bains in place of William Johnson, deceased. Jehial Davison in place of J. T. Davison, deceased. John Payzant and William Schofield.

Queens Co.—Joseph B. Harlow to be a Coroner. Nathaniel Freeman to be one of the Board of School Commissioners for the North District in the place of the Rev. John McKinnon, removed from the County.

Richmond Co.—Walter Murray, senr., to be a Justice of the Peace.

Victoria Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—Kenneth Buchanan. Luther McLeod in place of Donald McLeod resigned. David McKay and Thomas Bown, junr. To be Commissioners for licensing Pilots at the port of Bras d'Or—Alexander Munro, Angus McLeod, Donald Fraser.

Digby Co.—James H. Jones, Edwin R. Oakes and Daniel Morehouse to be Justices of the Peace. To be Commissioners of Schools for the District of Clare—Peter J. Belliveau, Augustine F. Comeau, Celestine A. Robichau.

Cape Breton Co.—Thomas Scott to be Justice of the Peace.

Cumberland Co.—The Rev. John Sponagle to be a Commissioner of Schools, in place of the Rev. A. M. Desbrisay, removed. To be a Justice of the Peace—Charles Lawrence. To be Commissioner of Sewers for the Township of Amherst—William Embree.

Annapolis Co.—Stephen B. Hennigar to be a Justice of the Peace, Zebediah Croscup to be a Coroner.

Sydney Co.—William J. Beck to be a commissioner for taking affidavits to hold to Bail and Recognizances of Bail in the Supreme Court.—William J. Beck to be a Commissioner for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

Hants Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—Andrew Kirkpatrick, James Ellis, Jacob Withrow, William Wardop, and George Ainslie.

Colchester Co.—To be a Coroner—Dr. Francis, of Upper Steviacke.

Lunenburg Co.—To be a Coroner—M. B. Desbrisay, Esquire, of Chester. To be Justices of the Peace—George McKeen and Richard Jenkins. To be Trustees of Cape Labave Common—Joseph Sperry, of Petite Riviere, and Samuel Oxner, of New Dublin, vice William Sperry (resigned), and Jacob Drew (deceased).

LECTURE AT WINDSOR.—A lecture was delivered at De Wolf's Hall, Windsor, on the evening of the 31st March, by Dr. Read, on request of the Windsor Literary Debating Society; subject, "The brain."—It was illustrated by several well-executed diagrams,—the work of a young artist of this place,—delineating the several portions of the brain on a very large scale, so as to be seen by all the audience from a black board. He compared the brain of the lower animals with the human brain, and made the whole lecture replete with pleasing information. He referred to the developments of the science of Geology and spoke of the different kinds of animals existing at different periods anterior to man, noticing the structure of the earth at those periods, shewing the grand and beautiful evidences of design, and the wisdom of the Great Architect, in preparing the world before introducing his last and best work.—man, with his brain to control and subdue all other creatures upon it,—making him lord of creation.

Many fair eyes were fastened upon the lecturer, and should they ever be troubled with the brain fever or heart disease, they will at once give the Doctor a call. If so, I hope he may easily effect a cure. A vote of thanks was given at the close, and all must have been delighted, unless they lacked brains to appreciate it.—Com. by a member of the Society.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES' MARRIAGE in Halifax is to take place on Tuesday next, the 14th inst., which is proclaimed a Public Holiday. A procession, fireworks, illuminations, &c. &c., are talked off for the occasion. The City Council have placed \$100 at the disposal of the committee appointed to make the arrangements.

A young girl named Margery Smith, aged 13 years and 6 months, was burned to death at Shag Harbor, Barrington, a few weeks ago, by her clothes catching fire while asleep.

The Mayflower Division Sons of Temperance have an entertainment this evening, tickets 12 1/2 cts.

The Merchant's Exchange Reading Room is to be kept open under its present management until the 1st of next October.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Monday the 30th, a lad was firing at a bull's eye marked on a small building, near the Railway Depot, when a person named William Hazlit was inside and received the shot. He lingered until Wednesday morning, when he died from the effects of the wound.

The Rev. C. Stewart, Wesleyan Minister, accompanied by Mrs. Stewart and child, took passage in the steamer for England on Friday last.

BOUND TO "DIXIE."—We learn from the Sun that a gentleman from the Southern States is in this city endeavouring to procure a number of artisans for the workshops of the South. By a promise of high wages he has succeeded in engaging a few of our mechanics, three or four of whom left on Saturday, and others, we are informed, are preparing to leave, for the "Land of Cotton."

BEEF.—Cornwallis is sending some fine cattle to Halifax this spring. Mr. Isaiah Eagles sold a pair of cattle last week to Mr. William O'Neal, which were pronounced by several good judges as the best-fatted oxen, although not the biggest from that district. They were fed by Messrs. William and Ephraim Robertson of Cornwallis.

NORMAL SCHOOL.—We find by a report in the Witness that the Normal School at Truro held its examination to close its Winter Term on Wednesday and Thursday last. It states that "the pupils were put to proof as to their attainments in English Reading, Arithmetic, (mental and slate) Physical and Political Geography, Mulhauser's system of Penmanship, English Analysis, Natural Science, &c. In all these the pupils displayed more than ordinary accuracy and thoroughness; and it was evident that the Teachers of this Institution pay more regard to the quality of their teaching than to the quantity.

"After these exercises were gone through, nearly two hours were devoted to the Classical Department. About forty pupils had been engaged in the study of French, German, Latin and Greek, and several of them proved that they had made great progress."

There were 87 pupils enrolled for the last term, seven of whom paid fees.

"The whole of these exercises were interspersed with pieces of vocal music, performed with correctness and spirit. The German students, some of whom were from Lunenburg, sang, very tastefully, a few verses of a German song, set to music by Mr. Williams, the Teacher of Music in the Institution.

On no former occasion was the attendance of spectators larger, more respectable, or apparently more gratified with what they witnessed. The interest of the proceedings was greatly enhanced by the presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and his suite, with about 18 or 20 members of the Legislature and all the Commissioners of the Institution."

"The Principal intimated that in consequence of an alteration in the period of holding the Terms of the Institution, the next Term would not commence till the first Wednesday of November."

THE NEWFOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE closed on Wednesday, 25th ult., after an unusually short session. Twenty-one bills were passed, one of which provides for the regulation of the currency,—providing for the introduction of decimal currency; another for the collection of the Revenue and the administration of justice at the Labrador.

It is proposed in the Canadian Parliament to set apart not less than five hundred thousand acres of the public lands for settlement by the operatives thrown out of employment in the mother country.

Visiting, Address and Wedding Cards, written equal to the finest copper-plate engraving, by B. F. Staples, Teacher of Penmanship, No. 57 Granville-street. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

A MEDICINE THAT IS MEDICINE. Those who know, say that of all the remedies which have been put out to the people. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is truly the greatest, and its effects in this neighborhood do indeed sustain this assertion.

Prince Edward Island.

It is gratifying to find that "the troubles in the Presbytery of P. E. Island, have been happily arranged."

At a Tea meeting of the Queen Square Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, last week, the sum of £21 8s. was realized. Rev. J. Davis, Rev. J. Brewster and a number of other clergymen and gentlemen made speeches.

BAPTIST MISSIONS. Rev. J. Brewster was to preach on the 29th ult., in the Baptist Meeting House, Charlottetown, in behalf of the above object.

New Brunswick.

Mr. Chas. Leguire, of Fredericton, has started an agricultural paper in that city, entitled "The Farmer."

INUNDATION AT FREDERICTON.—Quite a considerable portion of the town is submerged, in some places to the depth of three or four feet. This is in consequence of the torrent of water rushing down from the hill in rear of the City, and the drains not being opened properly to carry it off.—Reporter.

The simultaneous polling bill has been thrown out of the New Brunswick Assembly.

Religious Intelligence.

SCOT'S BAY, CORNWALLIS.—The following note from Rev. David Freeman indicates a powerful visitation in this part of his field of labor:—There is a very pleasing work of grace now progressing in Scot's Bay. It is shared in by the different denomination. The good work commenced, without any special efforts being employed, in the usual means of grace, but more especially did it appear in the Prayer and Social meetings. It is mostly amongst the young people. Young men who resorted there to work on the vessels have many of them found the Saviour. From 40 to 60 will rise in a single meeting and avow their determination to live for God. The work is characterized by great calmness and depth of feeling. The young converts manifest a deep sense of obligation to God, and will rise and speak even though not under excitement, but merely from a feeling of their duty. "This is the Lord's doing, it is marvellous in our eyes." A deep solemnity seems to pervade the neighboring communities also. Pray for us that the work may extend.

Yours truly, D. FREEMAN.

Canning, March 30th, 1863.

HEBRON, YARMOUTH COUNTY.—Rev. Jos. H. Saunders writes, March 26. "The past year has been an unusually pleasant and prosperous one with us, in West Yarmouth. Recently God has been pleased to display his power and love to us. His work has appeared unto his servants and his glory unto their children. Since the 1st of the month I have baptized eight and we have also received to Christian fellowship two members from other denominations. I expect to baptize again next Sabbath."

WESTPORT.—Rev. W. Hall, informs us under date 31st March:—"I baptized sixteen last Lord's day, making in all Fifty four during the month. The work goes on among the young. Brother Miller baptized eighteen last Sabbath and four more this morning. This is a work of more than ordinary interest on these Islands. To God be all the praise."

New Brunswick.

ALBERT COUNTY.—A correspondent of the Visitor, writing from Hillsboro, says:—"The ministering brethren in the County have all been enjoying revivals in their own churches, and could only spend a day occasionally with us, so that our pastor, (Rev. J. A. Smith,) and his worthy assistant, Elder Wm. Pulcifer, were a great part of the time alone. He baptized more or less every Sabbath, except one, since January, 25th. There were eleven baptized last Sabbath; making in all since the revival commenced 130, and sixteen added by letter, restored, &c.

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March 25.

Bazaar at Rawdon.

A BAZAAR will be held at Rawdon, Thursday the 24th September next, for the purpose of raising funds in aid of a new Baptist Meeting-house.

Contributions will be thankfully received by the Committee:—Miss Eliza J. Carter, Miss Harriet Ann Casey, Miss Ellenor Mason, Miss Eliza J. Stevens, and Mrs. Samuel Meek, Rawdon; Mrs. Elizabeth Knowles and Miss Eunice Knowles, Newport; Miss Beccie McLearn, Halifax; Mrs. Caroline Kilcup, Windsor.