

A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.—One of our Agents informs us that he would be glad to have sent us a large amount of what is due from subscribers in his neighbourhood but that "some of them treat their creditors' as they do their souls—put off attending to them till the last moment."

This reminds us of the remark of a friend some time since—he said he believed in such religion as made people pay their debts, and thought anything below this was worthless.

We believe there is more truth than poetry in the remark, and we would commend it to the serious attention of those in arrears.

News Summary.

The steamer *Corsica*, which arrived on Saturday, brings seven days later European news than was received by the *Canada*. The Polish insurrection, as we had no doubt it would be, has been, in a great measure suppressed by the large bodies of Russian troops poured into the country. The hapless leaders of the attempt to throw off their iron despotism will doubtless expiate their offence by military execution, or a life-long journey to the frozen regions of Siberia.

There would appear to be some symptoms of hostile feeling between the Federal States and England, on account of the notorious *Alabama* having fitted out in Liverpool, although the English authorities disclaim any knowledge or participation in the act, and it is reported that part of the British fleet in the Mediterranean has been ordered to the West Indies. We fervently hope no serious cause of discord may occur, to add to the already too numerous complications that are threatening still further to embroil the peaceful intercourse between nations.

The operations before Vicksburg do not as yet appear to be attended with any degree of success. The attempt to divert the course of the Mississippi is said to be interrupted by the rise of the river, and the Federal ships of war have been hitherto most unsuccessful in their attempts to injure or even to pass the fortress. It is reported that the blockading fleet of ironclad ships have commenced the long talked of attack on Charleston. It seems very doubtful whether the place will be long able to withstand the powerful armament which is acting against it. Great distress for provisions is said to prevail in many of the Southern States.

Letters Received.

J. W. Hart, Esq., 4th. Rev. E. O. Read, 2d. J. H. Gilroy, 8th. H. E. Payson, Esq., 4th. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 6th. D. Palfrey, 6th. —Too late. H. Thorpe, 5th. Rev. G. Armstrong, 9th. —Rev. Jas. Reid, 9th, 20s.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

The Rev. Mr. Izzet has declined the call from the Chalmers Church Congregation.

The new Franchise Bill has passed the Legislative Council by a majority of one.

ICE SHIPPED FROM HALIFAX.—Schr. *Julia*, for Nassau, 120 tons. Schr. *Thrasher*, for Kingston, Jamaica, 90 tons. Schr. *Lone Star*, for Havana, 105 tons.

The screw steamship *Dido*, the first of the new line of which Messrs. Maclean, Campbell & Co. are Agents, arrived at this port on Friday, from London, via St. John's Nfld.

The *Witness* says the House will close about the 23rd, and the General Election may be expected to take place about the 20th of May.

GOLD.—Mr. James H. McDonald arrived in town from Sherbrooke, on Tuesday evening, bringing two hundred and fifty ounces of gold with him—part of it from Wine Harbor and part from Sherbrooke. He also brought a very fine nugget, lately taken from the pit of Alex. Leslie and others, on the "Blue Lead," Sherbrooke. The mass of quartz and gold together weighs twenty-one ounces, and contains, it is estimated, fifteen ounces of gold. It was out of the last lot of quartz taken from the pit. This claim, like all others at Sherbrooke, improves as the miners descend. The Sherbrooke and Wine Harbor miners are actively employed; and there are prospects of a brisk Summer's business at both places.—*Colonist 2nd inst.*

New Brunswick.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—The Railway debate in the Assembly at Fredericton closed on Friday last. The Bill was carried by a vote of 27 against 12.

Canada.

The *Hamilton Spectator* says:—The appeal cases of Braid vs. Great Western Railway, and Pawcett vs. Great Western Railway, have been decided by the Privy Council of England against the company. The Privy Council pay a high compliment to the Canadian judges in their decision. The families of the late Mr. Braid and Mr. Pawcett will now receive the full amount of damages awarded in the courts here.

A MAN named Wm. Kerr Nesbit, school teacher in Barton, has been committed for trial at the next assizes for the murder of his wife. The body of the deceased was found lying in a lane in the street. The cruelty administered to her by her husband was infamous in the extreme; both were, unfortunately, addicted to drinking.

The *Canadian News* (London) states there is every prospect of a large emigration to Canada during the ensuing year. Applications from all classes and all quarters come to the editor asking for information regarding our resources, and the inducements we can offer to intending emigrants.

Latest from the States!

[From Telegrams to Morning and Evening papers.]

APRIL 8th.—Released prisoners from Richmond report bread riot there; 3000 women, armed with clubs, etc., attacked Government and private stores. Jeff. Davis and others restored order by promised relief. Reported that Confederates are evacuating Port Hudson.

APRIL 9th.—A majority of the Senate committee at Washington have reported that the charges of bribery against General Cameron, in his endeavour to secure his election as Senator for Pennsylvania, have been sustained. Gen. Foster's (Federal) position at Washington, N. C., is very critical. He has two thousand troops entrenched. Ten thousand Confederate troops, under Generals Hill and Pettigrew, were on the north side of the town, and seven regiments on the south bank of the Pamlico River. The Confederates have planted batteries along Tar River, by which reinforcements for the Federals must come, thus rendering it almost impossible to pass. Two transports unsuccessfully attempted it, gunboats subsequently arrived, and hopes are entertained of relieving the beleaguered Federal forces. The Confederates captured and burned two steamers near Clarksville, Tennessee.

APRIL 10th.—The Richmond Whig of 8th inst., says official information has been received that the Federal fleet crossed Charleston Bar, and are at anchor inside, and that the Confederate ironclads lay between the forts, awaiting an attack. Advices from New Orleans of the 1st inst., state that Gen. Banks had crossed with ten thousand men at Donelsonville, to reinforce Gen. Weitzell, and for the purpose of attacking Bayou Teche country. No prospect of active operations at Vicksburg for some time to come, the new Canal being cut eight miles in length.

April 10.—Attack on Charleston commenced on Tuesday. Four iron-clads engaged in the morning. The Ironsides was ashore, but subsequently got off. Nine Monitors and ironclads in the afternoon concentrated their fire on Fort Sumter. Ironsides and Keokuk were withdrawn at four o'clock. Charleston despatch says both were disabled, and Keokuk sunk on the beach off Morris' Island. Federals showing no disposition to renew the conflict. Few casualties in Fort Sumter. Intense excitement in Charleston. Great confidence of success entertained at Washington.

REPORTED SINKING OF THE DESPERATE AT CHARLESTON.—It was currently reported about the city this afternoon that a despatch was received by the Lieutenant Governor from Lord Lyons, giving the intelligence that H. M. S. *Desperate* was pierced by six shots from the Federal vessels at Charleston, and sunk. We do not believe, nor can we vouch for the truth of the story; we give it exactly as we heard it.—*Reporter, Saturday.*

NICHOLAS LONGWORTH, who recently died at Cincinnati, was estimated to be worth fifteen million dollars—and that is about all that can be said about him. It cost the executors \$430 to purchase a stamp to put on his will.

The rebel officer who called the roll of our prisoners at Houston, Texas, is Lieutenant Todd, a brother of the wife of President Lincoln. He is tall, fat, and savage against the "Yankees."

European News.

FRANCE.

The report of the committee of the French Senate, appointed to consider the petitions in favour of Poland, cuts the desire of the petitioners short, and leaves the matter entirely to the decision of the wisdom of the Emperor.

ITALY.

The King of Italy has commuted the sentence of the soldiers who were taken in the Garribaldian out break at Aspromonte, the first step probably to their pardon. The original sentence was penal servitude for life; it is now reduced to imprisonment for twenty years.

Cardinal Antonelli still, it appears, continues to tender to the Pope his resignation, and the Pope still declines accepting it.

POLAND.

Things look bad in Poland. The Dictator, Langiewicz, has been defeated, and had to cross over the Austrian boundaries for safety. He showed considerable skill as a general, but the force opposed to him being overwhelming, resistance became useless or impossible.

Sweden, Italy and Portugal join with England and France in sympathy for the Poles.

The *Times* believes it is the opinion of all the Governments that a congress is the best field for the proper examination of the question of Poland.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It is announced that Dr. Russell, of *The Times*, intends to write the history of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The number of letters sent by the post in Great Britain more than doubled between 1847 and 1861, being 126 millions in the former year, and 274 millions in the latter.

The *Opinione* of Turin states that the Duke of Modena, far from having any intention of dismissing his army, has recently made numerous promotions among its officers, bought a quantity of new uniforms, and reviewed the troops. From these ominous signs the *Opinione* argues that "the Duke will attack Italy this spring."

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALFRED.—The last telegram transmitted from Malta was on Friday the 13th ult. for the information of her Majesty and the Royal Family. The substance of the information conveyed was that the Prince was convalescent, and daily regaining health and strength. It was expected that Prince Alfred would leave Malta in the course of this week for "home," via Marseilles.

LIBEL UPON A CLERGYMAN.—A curious case of slander was tried at the Stafford Assizes on Saturday. The plaintiff was the Rev. Mr. Hampton, who at one time held the incumbency of St. Luke's, Holloway. The defendant was an organist named Allen, who, it was said, had told a mutual acquaintance that Mr. Hampton lived in adultery with his step-daughter, and that he had been suspended by the bishop for theft. Mr. Hampton denied that either of the charges was true. He admitted, however, that he had applied to his own uses money which had come into his hands for Church purposes. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff—damages, one farthing.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES AND THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.—At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 11th day of March, 1862, it was ordered that in the Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church of England in the Litany, and in all other parts of the public service, as well in the occasional offices in the Book of Common Prayer, where the Royal Family is appointed to be particularly prayed for, the following form and order shall be observed:—"Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family."

And further that no edition of the Common Prayer be from henceforth printed but with this amendment, and that in the meantime, and until copies of such edition may be had, all parsons, vicars and curates within this realm do (for the preventing of mistakes), with the pen, correct and amend all such prayers in their church books, according to the foregoing direction.

CONFEDERATE STATES LOAN.—A Paris correspondent of the *Independence Belge*, writing on the 28th ult., says:—"Mr. Slidell, the agent of the Southern States, had another interview to-day with M. Drouyn de Lhuys. There is a good deal of talk about a loan of 60,000,000 francs, to be contracted by the seceding States, and the emission of which in Europe, and especially in France, would place the Imperial Government in a very embarrassing position. This loan would not be quoted on the Bourse; nevertheless it pursues its course, the South being in high favour, many eminent financiers, and people declare it is already completely negotiated." The *Nord* of the 2nd says.—The Richmond Government has just contracted in Paris a loan of 60,000,000."

LION HUNT AT MID-CADER.—On Monday 2nd Inst. Mid-Cader was visited by Manders' Royal Menagerie, which was attended by a large concourse of spectators, including most of the gentry in the neighbourhood. Shortly after arriving in the village, and while preparing for exhibition, one of the lions—rather a formidable-looking customer, although only nine or ten months old—escaped from the caravan; and after scattering the crowd in all directions, pursued by the keepers, the police-constables, and a few amateur lion-hunters, bolted into an open door, ran upstairs, got into a bedroom, and took possession of the bed, much to the astonishment and terror of an old lady, the sole occupant of the house, which, however, she quickly vacated in favour of her unwelcome visitor. After considerable trouble the royal brute was safely captured by his keepers, and conveyed in triumph to his den, without having injured any one.—*Edinburg Courier.*

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, April 7th.

Several petitions were presented against the Franchise Bill.

The papers on the refusal of the Government to pay Judge Haliburton's pension, were made the subject of discussion.

It appears that the Judges of this province decided in December, 1861, that the amount claimed by Judge Haliburton should be paid. The government objected to do this, and appealed against it to Her Majesty's Privy Council, but for some reason the appeal was not forwarded until July, but an affidavit was sent with the appeal, stating that the government was unable to secure a meeting of Council till April following. The English Judges were not satisfied with this, but state that in consequence of the delay the decision was given against the Province.

Dr. Tupper spoke in reference to the matter and charged the delay to the fact of Hon. Mr. McCully having been the retained counsel of Judge Haliburton. Hon. Messrs. Howe and

Archibald defended the action of the government.

Hon. Mr. Johnston spoke on the subject but in consequence of the small number of Members present, Dr. Tupper suggested an adjournment. The House was counted out.

WEDNESDAY, April 8th.

The *Sun* says that "in consequence of the 'count out' on the previous evening, the subject which was then under discussion, could not, under parliamentary rule, be brought up again. This fact could not have been thought of when the counting out took place. Some gentlemen of the Opposition appeared rather chagrined by the effect of their own action."

The Prov. Sec. laid the Railway Bill on the table.

The house resolved itself into a Committee on Bills, and took up the Franchise Bill.

The Atty. Gen. stated his intention to submit an amendment, giving school teachers and clergymen the right to exercise the franchise.

Mr. Jas. McDonald spoke against the bill.

Hon. Mr. Johnston moved an amendment that the bill should not come into operation until after the next election.

Hon. Atty. Gen. and Mr. McFarlane briefly addressed the house.

In the afternoon the Franchise debate was resumed.

Messrs Morrison, H. McDonald, Shannon, the Prov. Sec. Tobin, Blanchard, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Atty. Gen. and Dr. Tupper, addressed the house, after which the amendment was put and lost.

Hon. Mr. Johnson moved that those now entitled to vote under the present real estate qualification shall continue to have a right to vote. The amendment was lost. He (Mr. J.) then moved the same amendment restricting its operation to the ensuing election. This was also negatived.

Mr. James McDonald moved an amendment that if any freeholder should have been passed over by the Assessors, he should have a vote upon taking the required oaths.

All the amendments proposed by the Opposition having been voted down, the other clauses of the bill were proceeded with, until the whole passed.

The house then adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 9th.

The Pro. Sec. brought in a bill to authorize the construction of a further section of the Provincial Railway; also, a bill to enlarge the deposits in the Savings Bank; also a bill to provide for Agricultural Exhibitions, and the improvement of stock.

Mr. H. McDonald, Dr. Tupper, Messrs Longley, McFarlane, Martell and Caldwell, presented several petitions against the Franchise Bill, and Mr. Mosely one from the Owens Gold District, in favor of the Franchise Bill.

The house in Committee on Bills, took up the Franchise Bill.

Dr. Tupper moved that all volunteers who have been twelve months enrolled should also have the right extended to them.

The Prov. Sec. was opposed to the exception. Messrs. J. McDonald, Longley, Harrington, Tobin, Shannon, and Hon. Mr. Johnston, spoke in favor of the exemption, and the Hon. Mr. Wier and Atty. Gen. against it.

The amendment of Dr. Tupper was put and lost, 21 to 24.

When the bill had passed, the Committee adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 10.

After some time expended on the Public Accounts, especially those referring to the Adjutant General of Militia and the expenditure of \$1900 for printing and advertising, the Franchise Bill was taken up for its third reading. Several amendments were moved, on some of which the House divided, but were rejected by the ordinary party vote.

After which the Bill was passed and sent to the Council.

The House resolved itself into committee of Supply, and passed a number of items.

SATURDAY, April, 11th.

The Fin. Secretary moved that the sum of \$128,000 be voted for the Road and Bridge service.

It was moved in amendment that the Fin. Secretary have leave to withdraw his resolution, in order that it may be so amended so as to allow the division to be according to population. The amendment was put and lost.

The debate on Judge Haliburton's pension was resumed.

Hon. Mr. Johnston addressed the house. He had ever held a strong opinion that the Judge was not entitled to the pension either in equity or law.

Hon. Mr. Wier pointed out some inaccuracies in Judge Haliburton's affidavit.

Hon. Attorney General replied, explaining how the delay in prosecuting the appeal before the Privy Council arose.

The Prov. Secretary, Mr. Henry and Mr. James McDonald spoke on the subject, after which the House adjourned.

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 Casy, Miss Ellenor Mason, Miss Eliza J. Stevens, and Mrs. Samuel Mook, Rawdon; Mrs. Elizabeth Knowles and Miss Eunice Knowles, Newport; Miss Beattie McLearn, Halifax; Mrs. Caroline Kilcup, Wiandor.