

The Palmerston ministry, it would appear from all that has lately transpired in Parliament, are in a tottering condition, and the only ostensible reason for their still retaining the reins of Government is that Lord Derby and the Conservatives appear to feel that they have not strength nor ability to assume the situation with much chance of better success.

LETTERS RECEIVED will be acknowledged next week.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

The Butchers Association have presented a memorial to the City Council, complaining of the parties bringing meat into the city, disposing of it in small joints, to the injury of those who have to pay their part of city taxation and other expenses, from which farmers and countrymen are exempt.

THE SHERIFF'S BILL.—The Legislative Council have rejected the amendment of the new Bill which vested the appointment of Sheriff's in the hands of the Executive.

THE ESTIMATES propose to give \$400 to the Fruit Growers' Association, and \$200 to Mr. Downs, at the N. W. Arm. Dalhousie College is also put down for a grant of \$1000.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On the 13th inst., Mr. J. B. Fox, of Newport, was seized suddenly with a paroxysm, his whole body being covered with dark-coloured patches. He died on the following day. Coroner Dennison held an inquest on the body, and a verdict of death from Syncope was returned.

Early on Thursday morning it was discovered that a portion of the cabin of the steamer *Caledonia*, lying at Bermudian wharf, was on fire. Timely application of a few buckets of water extinguished the flames, but not before considerable injury was done to the vessel.—Recorder.

ARRIVAL OF A BLOCKADE RUNNER.—The Steamship "City of Petersburg" arrived in our harbor on Saturday morning from Wilmington, via Bermuda. She is in want of repairs.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT THE SYDNEY MINES.—A Miner working in the Block House Coal Mines, came to a sudden death on Thursday last, from the effects of a blow given him by a fellow workman. The man who lost his life was named Gibbs, belonging to Shennackady, and was 19 or 20 years of age. The man who struck the fatal blow is one McNeil, from Big Bank, Boularderie, who is married, and the father of a large family of children. It is alleged that the blow was given without any intention of taking the life of the unfortunate lad; but we must await the Coroner's Verdict to learn the guilt or innocence of the party. The Coroner has not yet returned to Town from Cow Bay, whither he proceeded yesterday morning.—C. N. News.

INQUEST.—On Friday last, Coroner J. D. Hume held an inquest on the body of a male infant found in Archdeacon Willis' porch. The medical evidence proved that the child had been born alive and had probably lived for some time. A verdict of manslaughter against some person unknown was returned.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—A few days ago a man in the City Prison at Rockhead cut his knee accidentally with an axe, and inflicted so severe a wound that it is feared amputation may be necessary. The unfortunate man is receiving every attention from the officers of the prison.

At a meeting of City Council on Monday, last week a communication from His Honor the Recorder was read, stating that he had been served with a writ issued at the instance of the Government against the City of Halifax, on account of alleged Railways liability.

The Ash carts resume their weekly visits to each Ward of the city on Monday next.

MR. HOLT'S CONCERT on Monday was a brilliant affair. The amount of musical talent brought together, and the variety of composition afforded a treat not often available on this side the Atlantic.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A man whose name is yet unknown, was killed by falling off the special freight train of the railroad, on Saturday evening last. He was taken on board Brookfield, but was missed on arriving at Richmond. On search being made he was found quite dead with his legs badly crushed, and it is supposed the cars had passed over them. The letters M. A. L. S. were marked on his left arm, and on his wrist an anchor. He was apparently about 30 years of age. An inquest has been held and the jury exonerate the railway officials from blame in the matter.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The Tenth Annual Meeting of the members of this Association was held at their Rooms, Barrington-street, on Tuesday evening last. At the hour named the Chair was taken by His Worship the Mayor, P. C. Hill, Esq., and the Secretary read the Report of the operations of the Association during the past year. These comprise Lectures, Bible class, and Reading-room. The state of the Association's finance is not in any more satisfactory condition than on former occasions. It was agreed at the meeting on Tuesday evening that the Association should be sustained, and some very liberal sums were

subscribed to this end, in order to guarantee its upholding for two years at least. It is proper to state that some very important changes are contemplated in the management of the young Men's Christian Association, the necessary details of which will be matured and carried into effect by the Committee which has just been elected. The following are the names of the Managing Committee:—T. B. Brown, Esq., President; G. H. Starr, Esq., John S. Maclean, Esq., P. C. Hill, Esq., A. K. Doull, Esq., William Hare, Esq., W. S. Sterling, Esq., Vice Presidents; ———, Secretary; S. H. Black, Treasurer; A. Hattie, M. D., G. R. Anderson, W. B. McNutt, H. N. Peint, R. N. Beckwith, John Starr, Murdoch Lindsay, S. A. White, C. E. Brown, R. J. Wilson, W. Davies, Esq., M. D. Peter Lynch, Joseph Bell, John Watson, D. McEwen, C. Robson, William Fultz, Captain Lyttleton, Hon. S. L. Shannon, C. F. DeWolfe, Esq.,

The best Cartes De Visits are taken at J. M. Margeson's Photograph Rooms, 90 Granville Street, at \$2 50 per dozen. His copies of old Daguerreotypes are unequalled in the city!

Newfoundland.

The following is given as a correct account of the shipping engaged in the seal fishing at the following places:

Table with columns: VESSELS, TONS, MEN. Rows include From St. Johns, Brigus, H's Grace, Carbeneer, Trinity, and totals.

Prince Edward Island.

The Legislature was opened, on the 16th inst., by Governor Dundas. His Excellency was escorted to the Colonial Building by the Mounted Volunteers at the entrance, and the beauty and fashion of Ch'Town turned out in goodly array to do honour to the pageant. The existing disagreement between Landlords and Tenants forms a considerable proportion of the Speech. The proposed Union of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island is alluded to, and documents touching the same promised. The excess of revenue over expenditure, during the past year, leaves a considerable balance in the Treasury. The exports of 1863 exceeded those of any previous year, and the colony is generally prosperous. Ross' Weekly has reached the conclusion that the proposition for the settlement of the Land Question, submitted by Sir Samuel Cunard in his last Draft Bill, and the plan which has been semi-officially announced as the one which the Government will bring forward, are not such as the Tenantry can countenance or expect any relief from. The writer urges the Tenantry to protest against any of these proposals. He says some few hundreds of the Tenantry can perhaps acquire their farms at fifteen or sixteen years' purchase, but thousands are not, especially as the back rents from 1858, at least, are hanging over them. It would therefore be more mockery to enact that the Tenantry may become Freeholders by purchasing at fifteen or sixteen years of the reserved rent, even if nothing is said about back rents. No such legislation will allay the distraction prevailing in the Colony. The people must have something that will benefit and relieve them from the thralldom into which they are plunged. A good example has been set upon the Selkirk estate. At a meeting lately held in different Lots, the Tenantry have been unanimous in demanding to be allowed to purchase upon the same terms with those of the Selkirk estate. The Legislative session is likely to be a short one.—Rep.

The Northumberland Straits are getting clear of ice, and a boat crossed the open water last week from Wood Islands, P. E. Island, to Cariboo Island.

The oldest Catholic Church in Prince Edward Island, built sixty years ago, was removed from its site recently and transported twenty miles on the ice into Charlottetown.

New Brunswick.

We are sorry to hear of the sad calamity which has befallen the Rev. E. McLeod, the editor of the Religious Intelligencer, at Fredericton. His house was found to be on fire on Sunday, 20th inst., about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, whilst the family were absent at meeting. The interior was burned out and the furniture much damaged.

The Legislature has been engaged with the railroad question. Western extension has a large number of supporters, and will in all probability, be the policy of the majority. In the discussion on Friday, the 18th inst., Mr. Gray said "he was satisfied from the expressed opinion of the members of the Cabinet, of the Governor General and Duke of Newcastle, we were free to follow the most advantageous course to ourselves. Still, he would not by any act now trammel revival of the Intercolonial road, a project to which he had no doubt that Canada would ere long gladly return, on more favorable terms. Still he was heartily in favor of the Western Extension. The people of St. John are in favor of Intercolonial Road over Western Extension. They were misled, supposing Canada has not or would not have desire for connection with the United States. The abolishment of the Reciprocity Treaty and transitive system would drive Canada to seek an outlet through us. The action of Nova Scotia is a boon, leaving us free to make terms with Canada, irrespective of Nova Scotia. He could consistently go for the propositions suggested by Government, and against Cudlip's resolution."

The following despatch from the Duke of Newcastle was laid on the table by the Secretary:—

Downing Street, 5th March, 1864.

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 15th February enclosing a copy of a Minute of your Executive Council on the subject of the Intercolonial Railway Act.

In have learnt with much surprise that an impression prevails in New Brunswick that this Act has been disallowed, or at least disapproved by Her Majesty's Government. The Act has not received the express sanction of Her Majesty, because it was evidently useless to bring it under the formal consideration of the Government until a similar law had been passed by Canada. In fact far from having been disallowed, it is still actually in force in the Province, and I shall have been greatly misunderstood if, by refusing to submit it prematurely to my colleagues, I am supposed to indicate any disapproval of its provisions, or any feeling of lukewarmness with regard to the important object which it is intended to effect. Such a misunderstanding would cause me no ordinary regret, because I am particularly sensible of the honorable warmth, promptitude and straightforwardness with which this matter has been dealt with in New Brunswick.

I have the honor to be, &c. &c.

(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

Messrs. Smith and Anglin disputed the the impression referred to by His Grace had prevailed.

Canada.

The following Telegrams to the Provincial Secretary on Wednesday last show the political position of Canada:

QUEBEC, 23rd March, 1864.

To Hon. C. Tupper: Furguson Blair charged with forming a Government. Taché called to act with him, refused. Dorian acting with Blair, but Chapais, Abbott, and Alleyne, refused acting with them. House adjourned till to-morrow.

JOS. CAUCHON.

QUEBEC, 23rd March, 1864.

To Hon Mr. Tupper: Sir F. Taché sent for direct. Will likely succeed. T. D. McGER.

West Indies.

HAYTI.—By the arrival of the steamer Havana at New York on the 19th inst., from Havana, we have news from St. Domingo. The insurgents are now actually making war more against the traitor Santana than against the Spanish government. The leaders of the rebellion have expressed their desire to receive their former President, Baez, and then to come to terms; but there is still a strong party opposed to this idea, and therefore the strife goes on. In the meanwhile it is the general opinion, very little credited, that the Spanish troops will soon be withdrawn from the Island.

BARBADOES.—The prospect of a short crop of sugar was forcing itself on public attention as a most unpleasant reality.

The ship Clarence had arrived at Demarara from Calcutta, with four hundred and thirteen immigrants; but in a passage of eighty-one days no fewer than twenty-six deaths had occurred. The inhabitants had memorialized the home government for a reduction of the sugar duties.

1864—GENERAL NOTICE—1864 REDUCTION IN PRICES, Preparatory to taking stock.

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Sold by M. S. Burr & Co., 26 Tremont Street, and George C. Goodwin & Co., 38 Hanover Street, Boston. Price 25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1 per Bottle. Cogswell and Forsyth, Avery Brown & Co., Halifax. Wholesale Agents for N. S. Also sold by A. H. Woodill, M. F. Kagar, Geo. Johnson, H. A. Taylor, and T. Durney, Halifax. Sept. 16. 6 mths.

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LINENS, in Towellings, Sheetings, Frontings, Do. in Damask Table Cloths and Napkins, Do. in Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs, COTTONS, in Shirtings, good for family use, Do. in Factories, yard wide, and good, in Prints, fast colors.

DRESS GOODS,

in Plain and Fancy—a great variety. Do. in Black French Merinos, Coburgs and Lustres. SHAWLS, of various styles—some very good. MANTLES, in Witney, Sealskin and Cloth. CLOTHS, for Ladies' Mantles—Black and Fancy. Do. in Superfine, for Gentlemen's wear, Do. in Tweeds and Doeskins, for Trouserings, &c.

SILKS, in Black Glucé—various widths. Do. in Fancy Dresses—various Styles. Do. in Ribbons—Plain and Fancy.

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March 23rd.

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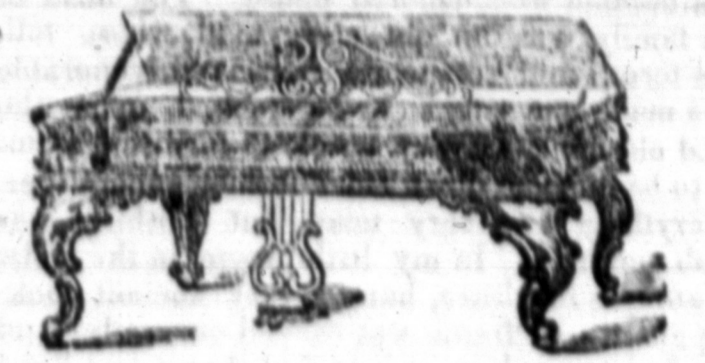
Table with columns: Item, Price. Rows include Dark Fancy Brocaded Figures, 7s. 6d. 12 yards, Paid Tweed Dresses, 10s. 12, Knickerbockers, Silk Checked, 10s. 12, Checked Challies, 10s. 12.

Double Width Tweeds, 9d. per yard. Dark Fancy Prints, yard wide, 8d. per yard. Winter Mantles, 8s. 6d. and upward.

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Table with columns: Item, Price. Rows include No. 1 Walnut semi-Cottage Piano, full iron string plate, round 64 octave, £45 0 0, No. 2 Do. fret-work and carved trussers, 47 10 0, 3 Do. elegantly finished, check, 50 0 0, 4 Rosewood, Ogee fall, action, 55 0 0, 5 Do. elegantly finished carved trussers and fret-work, 65 0 0, 6 Do. double action, 80 0 0, 7 Oblique, 7 octave, 3 string unison, 70 to 80, 8 Grand Square Pianos, 74 octave, from \$75 to £120.

Oct. 14. 1/2.