

this all important article of commerce, will be more permanently met than it has ever hitherto been, when almost the only source of supply was the Southern States.

Nothing very important appears to have transpired in the Southern war within the past week. The Confederate Raiders, (as they are called) were still committing depredations on the north of the Potomac. Neither from Petersburg or Atlanta are there any accounts of much moment. A report was abroad that the City of Mobile, in the Gulf of Florida, had been captured by the Federal fleet. It seems, however, to have been unfounded, although some of the defenses appear to have been reduced. Gold in New York, on Monday, was at 256, a slight fall in the premium having taken place.

The week past has been a busy one among our citizens in the entertainment of a large number of our Canadian friends,—chiefly members of the Legislature and gentlemen connected with the press,—on their visit to these Provinces. The weather has been most favorable, and every effort has been made to do them honor. Yachting, Pic-nics, Dinners, Concerts, and water Excursions have all been put in requisition, and there is good reason to hope that our guests will return to their homes with favourable impressions of our country and its people. It is of much importance that good feelings should be cultivated between the sister provinces and ourselves.

Notices, &c.

"Phebe" has our thanks for her stanzas. They are good, but not quite up to the mark for public criticism. Their object is not sufficiently definite. A piece of eighteen verses is rather long for our corner. Give the title next time you write.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island.

Will commence its Nineteenth Annual Session in the Leinster Street Baptist Church, St. John, N. B., on Saturday, the 20th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M. The Delegates from the Associations, Churches and Societies in connection therewith will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Going to the Convention.

Our thanks are due J. F. Masters, Esq., of St. John, for making arrangement with the proprietors of the Emperor for carrying those who will go to St. John for the purpose of attending the Convention, both going and coming, for one fare. The fare must be paid on going, either from Windsor or Annapolis. At the Convention a certificate may be obtained which will secure a return ticket free of charge.

The Delegates will appreciate these continued favors from the obliging steamboat proprietors.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College in the Vestry of Leinster Street Church, Saint John, N. B., on Saturday the 20th inst., at half past seven o'clock, P. M. STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Secy.

Notice.—The Western N. B. Baptist Association will meet (D. V.) in the New Baptist Chapel, Saint Andrews, on Thursday, Sept. 15th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Acadia College.

The next Term will commence on Thursday, Sept. 1. The Roll will be called at three o'clock, P. M., at which hour the Students are required to be present, to answer to their names.

Persons wishing to enter the College will present themselves for examination in the Library on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at ten o'clock, A. M.

The Act of Incorporation prescribes that no religious tests shall be imposed, either on Professors or on Students. Members of all denominations, suitable qualified for matriculation, are therefore eligible for admission.

Arrangements will be made to accommodate such as may be desirous of taking partial courses of study.

J. M. CHAMP, President.

July 25th, 1864.

Central Sabbath School Convention.

The S. S. Convention, in connection with the Central Baptist Association, will meet with the Church, at Canard, Cornwallis, on Thursday the 15th September next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A full and punctual attendance, of the delegates, is requested. A Circular, for Statistics, will be forwarded to each Sabbath School. GEO. V. RAND, Sec'y.

Wolfville, 1st August, 1864.

Letters Received.

Joseph Thomas, 8th.—Sent by King's Coach. G. V. Rand, 8th. Henry Porter, 8th. J. E. Hopper, 3rd. Rev. T. A. Higgins, 10th. W. J. Gater, 11th, \$1.50.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

A Sale of Fancy Articles is to take place to-day by members of the Dartmouth Presbyterian Sabbath School in the corner of the field belonging to the Hon. Judge Johnston—directly opposite the residence of F. W. Pasow Esq. The proceeds to be for supplying new Library books.

OUR VISITORS.—Each day during the past week has supplied something fresh for the Canadian gentlemen, who have honored us by their presence, to see our city and its surroundings. They arrived on Wednesday evening in good time. From all that we hear the special train to Windsor, and especially the return trip with the Visitors and those who went up to meet them, was a very social affair. Champagne flowed freely and a table spread in one of the cars supplied abundance of refreshments.

On Thursday morning, after a short time spent in the Legislative Library, a long informal procession of two or three abreast went thence to Government House for the purpose of being introduced to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. In the afternoon they accepted an invitation on board the Admiral's ship the *Duncan*, where they spent some time in inspecting that fine specimen of naval architecture.

On Friday morning the Royal Halifax Yacht Club in their trim fast sailing vessels, and the steamer *Mic mac* took the Canadians and New Brunswickers and a large number of our own citizens to the grounds on the shores of Bedford Basin, where formerly the Prince's Lodge stood, and there spent the day in quite rural style. After dinner His Excellency Sir R. G. McDonnell appeared on the grounds and with all due ceremony presented the Prince of Wales' cup to the captain of the winning Yacht at the recent annual contest. Speeches combining the social with the political aspects of the company were made by some of the more prominent gentlemen; after which the party embarked for their return to the city, which they reached about 8 o'clock.

On Saturday morning about fifty of the gentlemen paid a visit to the Waverly gold diggings and obtained some fine specimens of gold-bearing quartz. Returning by a special train, they had forgotten to order carriages to be in readiness at the station, and had the pleasure of walking from the depot. In the afternoon the firemen turned out with their hose to show the efficiency of our Water works. Nine different streams of water were brought to bear at the same time on the Province Building each of which went far up beyond the highest chimney. We do not suppose those who had seen the Montreal fire department were much struck by our brigade and its management; but the water advantages we have, were well exhibited and in several places a taste of it was given them by the bursting of the hose. The test thus given to the cotton hose shows conclusively that it is altogether inadequate to this service. There is great difficulty in getting it thoroughly dried, and its being put away wet makes it rot much sooner than leather. The steam fire engines were also brought out on the parade and jets of water thrown from them to long distances. Then in a perpendicular direction it went far above the spire of St. Paul's church.

In the evening the great Public Dinner was given in the Halifax Drill room, on Spring Garden Road. The company assembled in the New Court House and proceeded thence to the tables in the Drill room at about eight o'clock. It is said to have been a brilliant affair and continued to near midnight. Some speeches were made by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Vice-Admiral Sir James' Hope, Hon. Mr. McCrae, Hon. Mr. Perrault, Laughlan Donaldson, Esq., Chairman of the St. John Chamber of Commerce, Hon. T. D. McGee, Hon. Mr. Sanborn, The Mayors of Coburg and Sherbrooke, C. W., the Hon. Provincial Secretary and the Hon. Joseph Howe.

On Monday, H. M. war steamer *Lily* was placed at the disposal of the Committee. Invitations were given to the visitors and a large number of Halifax people to take a trip in her on the harbor. They embarked at 11 o'clock, and went as far as Saubro and back, and then to the head of Bedford Basin. The weather was all that could be desired, and the party greatly enjoyed the voyage.

The grand Concert in the Horticultural Gardens was a great treat to hundreds of ladies and gentlemen—citizens and visitors—who were present. The bands of the 16th and 17th Regiments discoursed their sweetest music, and the gardens were tastefully illuminated.

A Public Meeting was advertised for last evening in Temperance Hall, when the Hon. T. D. McGee was to give an address on "Some objections to a confederation of the Provinces." Admission free.

An "at home" at Government House afterwards would, thus far, complete the round of festivities on this occasion.

We learn that a number of the Canadians visiting Prince Edward Island before their return.

The *Evening Express* gave the following figurative description of the gentlemen in the cars:—Our Canadians play a capital knife and fork, the champagne sparkles joyously in their presence, and the 'claret cup' blushes deeply in appreciation of the compliments bestowed upon it.

We are glad to learn that some of these gentlemen are of a different class—able to enjoy themselves without the aid of wine or intoxicating beverages—strict Temperance men. May their number greatly increase amongst our own as well as the Canadian legislators, and such occasions, will then be less open to objection.

ACCIDENT AT OLDAHAM.—An explosion took place at Oldham Gold Diggings, on Wednesday afternoon last. Two men were badly injured, one of them having part of his face blown off.

Two lads fell from a boat last week and were rescued from a watery grave by a party of officers and men from one of the ships-of-war.

OFF THE TRACK.—The Truro train on Monday evening by some means got off the track near Rocky Lake. This prevented the Windsor train from coming on. Cars were sent up to bring mails and passengers.

ESCAPE FROM THE PENITENTIARY.—A man named Geo. S. McDonald, who was last spring convicted of passing counterfeit Am. gold dollars, and sentenced to the Provincial Penitentiary for a term of years, succeeded in making his escape from the institution last Thursday evening by climbing over the walls that enclose the building. It is stated that the man has been on the sick list ever since he has been incarcerated. A reward of \$100 is offered for his apprehension.

CIVIC.—The following Estimate of expenditure required for the ensuing year was recently submitted to the Halifax City Council.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Salaries of City officials, Police Establishment, Internal Health, City Prison, Fire Department, Board of Health, Street and sewer service, Interest account, Insurance, Rockhead Farm to discharge Bond on purchase, City Water Works, Miscellaneous Services, and Total.

The "Miscellaneous Services" included—Gas Company, \$1,300; Printing and Stationery, \$1000; Fuel for the City Prison, \$200; Contingent Fund, \$2,763; Excess of expenditure this year over last year's estimate, \$3,044; land purchased from Mr. Cunard to widen Water Street, \$1,644.80; cost of wall for the same, \$200; lane from Mr. Vieth, \$430, and arbitrator's fees.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Liquor and Auction Licenses, Exhibitions, Trucks, Fines in Police Court, Fees in Police Court, Fees in Mayor's Court, Fees from City Marshall, Rents from City Property, Dog Tax, Assessment by Statute, and Additional assessment by consent of the Governor and Council.

THE PRESS.—We omitted in our last to notice two or three changes which have lately taken place in our local press.

The *Morning Chronicle* has become a daily paper instead of a tri-weekly as heretofore. This is not the first daily paper issued in Halifax, the *Sun* arose every morning for some time, a few years since, when in the hands of its former proprietor Richard Nugent; but was changed to a tri-weekly shortly after his death.

The *Halifax Morning Sun* has had an alteration in the time of its issue. Instead of appearing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, it is now "The Sun and Advertiser" and appears in the evenings of said days.

We consequently now have two morning papers and two evening papers each day of the week. Besides these we have a new paper issued by J. B. Strong entitled "The Dartmouth News and Halifax County Advocate" It is a small sheet but very well got up and neatly printed.

The several proprietors of these contemporary prints have our congratulations and best wishes under their new arrangements.

GOLD.—One of our evening papers of last week stated that on the previous morning "there was exhibited at the Merchants' Exchange, a block of gold about seven or eight inches long, near two inches wide, and one inch thick, weighing one hundred and fifty-one ounces. This valuable ingot, with two or three ounces additional in small nuggets, was the product of one week's work at the German Company's claim at Waverly. The average yield of this claim for some time has been at about the rate of one hundred and fifty ounces per week. Last Friday the manager brought to town an ingot of one hundred and forty-nine ounces; and some weeks the yield has been larger. The number of men about the work averages one hundred and fifty—giving a return of \$20 in gold per week, per man, a very profitable return for the labor expended. This fine sample of the produce of Nova Scotia is now lodged in the vaults of the Halifax Bank."

H.M.S. *Lily*, 720 tons, 100 horse power, arrived here on Friday last from the West Indies via Bermuda. She was fired into on the 11th of June last, under a mistake, by a Federal war steamer. It appears the *Lily* having left Matamoros, June 9, bound to Bermuda, two days subsequently found herself in the midst of the Federal blockading squadron off Galveston. Three or four of these cruisers took positions on the bow, beam, and quarters with an apparent determination to cut her off. The Commander of the *Lily* finding that none of the strangers seemed inclined to speak him, kept his colours flying and improved the speed of his ship; whereupon one of the Federal vessels fired first a blank and then a shotted gun across his bows; the crews of the several cruisers meanwhile being at quarters. Upon an explanation being demanded by the Commander of Her Majesty's ship for this outrage upon the British flag, it turned out that the cruisers had mistaken the *Lily* for the Confederate cruiser *Florida*, which vessel she is said to so closely resemble, both in hull and spars, as to render it almost impossible to distinguish them one from the other. It is understood that the Hon. Joseph Howe, as H. M. Fishery Commissioner will shortly proceed in the *Lily* to the Newfoundland & Labrador coasts.

STRAIT OF CANSO MARINE RAILWAY.—The new Marine Railway at Ship Harbour, Strait of Canso, is now nearly completed. H. I. Crandell, Esq., under whose superintendence it has been constructed, was in this city last week, and reports to the directors of the Company that the whole will be in complete working order, and ready to take up a vessel by Friday or Saturday of this week at furthest. This railway is capable of hauling a ship of 1000 tons with ordinary ballast on board, and is provided with steam hauling power. It must prove of very great benefit to the shipping of that part of the Province, and to the fishing vessels frequenting the Strait, as well as to the numerous timber ships from Lower Canada and Gulf ports, which have often hitherto been in a sore strait for want of the accommodation which this work is calculated to afford them.—*Citizen*.

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL BOARD.—We learn from the *Halifax Citizen* that there have been two meetings of the Board of Agricultural last week. Members of the Board from the counties of Hants, Kings, Lunenburg, Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, and Antigonishe, were present on both occasions. The Hon. A. MacFarlane was elected President of the Board; Captain R. Hagonin was elected Vice President, W. Cunard Esq., Treasurer, and Professor Lawson of Dalhousie College, Secretary. The Rev. Dr. Forester, exhibited some samples of wheat, peas, beans, indian corn, &c., grown in the gardens of the Model School at Truro, from seed procured by the Rev. Mr. Honyman at the International Exhibition in London in 1862. The seed of these varieties was gathered from the best samples at the exhibition from Russia, Egypt, Italy, Sweden, Canada and other countries, and some of them, from their luxuriant growth and prolific yield, seem admirably adapted to the soil and climate of this Province. Among the peas exhibited were the tender pod pea of Nova Scotia a dwarf Italian pea, which tillers well, and promises to be an abundant bearer, stooling out like wheat or barley, several shoots from one root, and requiring to be planted in good soil, at least twelve inches apart—a very early Canadian pea, and some large Canadian sorts. There were many wheats, including several promising varieties from Australia; leguminous forage plants from Italy; peas from Sweden; beans, Indian corn, hemp, &c. At the meeting yesterday, the following resolutions, among others, were passed:—

Resolved, that the Secretary receive the sum of \$425 for salary and stationery.

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Board be requested to visit and re-organise all Local Agricultural Societies at present in existence throughout the Province to address public meetings on the subject of Agriculture, and, when necessary, to take every available step for the establishment of new Societies.—It was further resolved that the Secretary should first visit the Island of Cape Breton.

Resolved, that the President draw the Provincial grant, \$2000, from the treasury, and deposit the same in the Bank of Nova Scotia for the general purposes of the Board.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to attend the Exhibition in Fredericton in October next, and, if they should deem it advisable, purchase not more than three bulls and twelve Leicester rams for the improvement of the breeds of cattle and sheep in the province,—the Committee to consist of the President, Dr. Hamilton, and the Secretary.

An abstract of the Agricultural Act is prepared, embracing explanatory notes and information as to the practical working of the Board. The President and Secretary were authorised to have the same printed and circulated throughout the Province, with a view to the organization of new Agricultural Societies, and to enable the officers of the Societies already established to conform to the requirements of the Act. It was resolved to announce that all local Societies desiring to participate in the public grant for the present year, must transmit to the Board, not later than 15th September, the requisite declarations &c., with lists of their members and subscriptions received, in form of Schedule A, appended to the Act. Communications for the Board of Agriculture are to be addressed to the Secretary, Prof. Lawson, Dalhousie College, Halifax, who will furnish any necessary information to the officers of District Societies or others.

One of the sailors of the fleet, a day or two ago, had several of his toes torn off by the machinery of the Chebucto Marine Railway at Dartmouth.

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