

Our Legislature was prorogued on Tuesday, the 10th inst. The proceedings on the occasion are noticed in another column.

For ten days past there has been a constant flow of telegraphic news from the seat of war in Virginia. The great collision between the armies of Grant and Lee have at last taken place, and a constant succession of obstinate and sanguinary battles have almost daily been fought since Thursday, the 5th instant.

Notices, &c.

Monthly Meeting of Home Miss. Board. IN THE VESTRY OF GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH. Wednesday, May 4th, 1864.

Present.—Bro. J. W. Nutting, in the chair. Rev. Dr. Pryor, Rev. R. R. Philip, Geo. Robins, Dr. Parker, S. Selden, and Secretary.

Horton Academy. A Public Examination of the Classes in this Institution, will be held on Wednesday, June 1st, commencing at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Received for Foreign Missions. From Daniel Archibald, Esq., Upper Stewiacke \$0.50

Associated Alumni of Acadia College. ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.

The general Annual Meeting for the transaction of the business of the Society, will be held at Wolfville, on Thursday, June 2nd, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Acadia College. The Quarterly Examination of the Classes will take place on Tuesday the 31st inst., commencing at 9, A. M.

The College having now been in operation a quarter of a century, Exercises in celebration of that event will be held on Thursday, June 2nd, as follows:— In the morning there will be a Public Meeting in the Baptist Meeting House, when Addresses will be delivered by J. W. Nutting Esq., the Rev. J. Pryor, D. D., the Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., and the Rev. I. E. Hill, the Rev. G. Armstrong, A. M., and the Rev. D. M. Welton, A. M.

May 9th, 1864.

A Meeting of the Board of Governors will be held in the Library on Wednesday, June 1, at 4 o'clock, P. M. Full attendance is requested.

Letters Received.

Joseph D. Masters, 9th, \$150. C. H. Whitman, 6th.—Books sent per schr. Isabella. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 10th. Rev. R. S. Morton, 6th.—Cannot send the Young Reaper for less than a year. O. Dodge, Esq., 9th. Rev. W. H. Porter, 5th. Dr. Woodbury, 11th. R. B. Carrigan, 11th. Rev. R. Somerville. Rev. Jas. Reid, 6th, \$2.50. A. Kelly.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

SAD ACCIDENT.—We are informed that a serious injury was done to a young lad in W. C. Moir's bakery yesterday morning. By some means his arm was caught in the machinery, and so fearfully mangled that it was found necessary to amputate the limb immediately.

SUPREME COURT.—The Grand Jury reported to the Court true bills against— James Mira, for larceny, George S. McDonald, for passing counterfeit coin, and Peter Anderson, for perjury.

Provincial Secretary's Office. Halifax, May 11, 1864.

APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, by and with the advice of the Council, has been pleased to appoint the Hon. James W. Johnston to be Equity Judge and a Judge of the Supreme Court.

King's Co.—Notary Public Thomas, L. DeWolf. Commissioner of Sewers for Little Dykes, Horton Point—Edward H. Cox. To be Controller of Customs and Collector of Colonial Duties for Horton—Edwin DeWolf, in place of W. J. Fuller.

Pictou Co.—Postmaster at Pictou—S. H. Holmes, in place of A. P. Ross. Judge of Probate Daniel Dickson, in place of James Fogo. Registrar of Probate James Crichton, in place of D. Dickson.

Cape Breton Co.—Justice of the Peace Samuel McDonnell, Esq., M. P. P. Yarmouth Co.—Post master at Yarmouth—A. J. Hood, in place of Alex. Lawson, resigned.

Shelburne Co.—Revenue Officers at Cape Sable Island—Seth Smith in place of Wilson Nickerson. Justice of the Peace—Vincent Nickerson.

Cumberland Co.—Collector of Colonial Duties, &c., at Apple River—John Fowler, in place of C. L. Roberts; resigned. Revenue Officers—John Moffat in place of Amos Fowler, and Jeffery Gordon in place of Ephraim Church.

Antigonish is to be a Port of Registry. Chief Commissioner of Mines—Peter Stevens Hamilton. Provincial Deputy Commissioner of Mines—John Kelly. Deputy Commissioner of Mines for the Gold Districts of Montagu and Lawrencestown—John Kelly.

Halifax Co.—Post Master at Tangier—James Leary. Justices of the Peace—John Woodil, John Purcell, D. F. Curry, Edward Johnston, Bear Cove, Joseph Murphy, Doyers Island.

Donald, N. E. Margaree. Commissioner for taking affidavits and Recognizances of Bail in the Supreme Court—Angus McDonald of Port Hood.

Richmond Co.—Justices of the Peace—Archibald Johnston, of Sporting Mountain. Colchester Co.—Justices of the Peace—Isaac Fulton, Lower Londonderry, in place of David Fulton, deceased.—Joseph Spencer, E. A. Jones, John Ryan, J. D. McCart, Lower Economy. J. W. Crane, in place of James Moon deceased.

Queens Co.—Justices of the Peace—Archibald J. Campbell, Lewis A. Sponagle, Stewart Gardner, Thomas Patillo, jr., Simon F. Hunt, George A. Fisher, William Hendry, Eldred H. Barnaby, Richard Knowles.

Hants Co.—Justices of the Peace—George Armstrong, Anthony Shaw, William Murphy, William Fish, Handley Starrett, Robert Putnam, William Hamilton, Samuel Mumford, Andrew Shaw, Thomas Aikins, Edwin Mumford, W. B. Shaw, W. Canavan, W. Dennison, Hugh McNeil.

Lunenburg Co.—Justices of the Peace—Adam Feindal, Leonard Hebb, Reuben McFarlane Adam Durland, James Keizer, James Faulkner, Henry Ledy, Samuel Ramey, Robert West, Enos Tuel.

Digby Co.—Controller and Collector of Duties for St. Mary's Bay—Richard Sanderson, in place of Lauchlan McKay. Justices of the Peace—William Lent, Long Island, Alexander D. Hoyt, Weymouth, John S. McNeil, St. Mary's Bay, Abner Morse, Hillsburg, Hubbard Davis, of Westport, in place of David Welch, deceased. Coroner—Augustus Robertson, M. D.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to-morrow and evening papers.]

TUESDAY, May 10th.—Lee's army commenced to retreat Friday night. Federals commenced pursuit Saturday.

2000 prisoners taken; Fredericksburg occupied. Longstreet reported mortally wounded in the neck. Col. Rush, 9th Maine, killed. Federal wounded estimated at 12,000.

President Lincoln recommends private and public thanksgiving and prayer. Richmond papers claim the complete defeat of the Red River expedition.

WEDNESDAY, May 11th.—Further details of Friday's battle shows great obstinacy and hard fighting on the part of the Confederates, with partial successes. Gen. Sedgewick's, 5th Corps (Federal) was forced back in a panic and Gen. Seymour (Federal) was captured. So far, about the same number of prisoners have been taken on each side.

Butler's operations on the other side of Richmond quite successful, destroying Petersburg railroad, whipping Beauregard on Sunday, in a severe fight, and cutting him off from Richmond.

Two Federal gunboats destroyed by torpedoes in James River. Fort Darling reported captured. Lee made a stand at Spottsylvania Court House, and there had been some hard fighting but no general engagement.

Gen. Sedgewick (Federal) of the 6th Corps was killed on Sunday by a sharpshooter. Gen. Wright succeeded in the command. His remains have been received in Washington.

Federal wounded reported to be 15,000,—mostly at Fredericksburg. The army is in cheerful condition and sanguine of success.

Lee is reported acknowledging that his communication with Richmond is cut off, and enjoining the capture of supplies from Federals.

The Confederates claim 10,000 prisoners. Herald's correspondent writing on Monday says that the army has been fighting six days continuously, penetrating 15 miles, with 50 more to go before reaching Richmond.

Federal loss so far is estimated at three thousand killed, eighteen thousand wounded, and six thousand missing.

THURSDAY, May 12th.—Tribune's despatch says Gen. Hancock, under cover of artillery, crossed Little Potomac River, Monday evening, driving the enemy from Spottsylvania.

Grant's losses in the attacks on Sunday and Monday, reported to be 2500. Grant holds 5,000 prisoners. Butler within 13 miles Richmond.

FRIDAY, May 13th.—A despatch from Washington to the New York Tribune, dated "Head quarters, Army Potomac, 11th," says that the most desperate of all battles was fought yesterday (Tuesday) commencing at 1 30, p. m., and closing at 8, p. m. In dogged stubbornness Waterloo and Solferino pale before the battle of the Po.—Our lines stretched six miles to the north east of the Po, the Confederates occupying the south west bank and the village of Spottsylvania.

Our Artillery, which got good range, poured shot and shell into the Confederates as they charged forward upon our infantry lines. The Confederates used but little infantry.—Several rebel prisoners assert that Lee has ordered all his wounded men who are able to hold a musket, to take their places in the ranks again. Our entire loss thus far, in killed, wounded and missing, most reach forty thousand. The Confederate loss in killed is much greater than ours. We have two thousand of our prisoners and they have five thousand of theirs.

Beauregard is at Petersburg with 25,000 troops, with communication cut. Butler has force enough to keep him there.

Evening.—The Philadelphia Enquirer has the following:—"Near Spottsylvania Court House, 11th, 8, o'clock, a. m. As I write the whole line engaged, but heaviest fighting being done by Hancock's corps. Major-General E. Johnston is a prisoner. No doubt of his capture exists, as he is now sitting on a log before me. Attack commenced this morning at daylight by Hancock, who moved forward whole line, and is now driving enemy."

Brigadier General Stuart, rebel army, has been captured, and is safely within our lines. Number of prisoners not given, but they are counted by thousands.

Gen. Burnside upon extreme left opened at same time with Gen. Hancock, and advanced with comparatively little opposition. His right formed junction with Gen. Hancock, his left now actively engaged. Rebel works at this point exceedingly strong.

Beauregard's courier captured this morning while going to Gen. Hoke, in command of Drury's Bluff. He had a despatch that Beauregard would join him soon as troops came up.

SATURDAY, May 14.—Grant telegraphs to the War Department that the enemy is very obstinate, and apparently found the last ditch. We have lost no organization,—not even a company, whilst we have destroyed and captured one division, one brigade and one regiment entire.

Reinforcement and ammunition going forward. Gen. Wadsworth reported wounded and a prisoner. Philadelphia despatch reports iron clads advancing on Richmond.

Petersburg Express of the 11th reports Lee at Richmond wounded.

MONDAY, May 16.—Several despatches report Lee's retrograde movement yesterday morning a full retreat, becoming a rout, thousand of prisoners being captured.

Reinforcements have been sent from Washington to Gen. Grant—12,000 left there on Thursday. It is reported Sigel joined him with 15,000 men.

Lee is now reported retreating in disorganized condition to Gordonsville. He has lost 15,000 in prisoners.

Governor Bramlette of Kentucky, called for 10,000 Volunteers, to help to finish the war. Evening.—Lee's army fell back four miles on Friday morning. No fighting reported since Friday. Supposed that Lee fell further back on Friday night as two corps sent to attack at daylight on Saturday have not been heard from.

Gen. Meade issued congratulatory address to army. Sheridan's cavalry expedition having made detour of Lee's army, destroyed railroads, supplies, &c., valued at ten millions of dollars, and gone within sight of gas lights of Richmond, arrived at James River.

Gen. Kautz also arrived from destructive raid on railroad communication south of Richmond.

Gen. Butler is before Fort Darling. Gen. Ames is holding Beauregard at Petersburg. The army reported on Saturday night in line of battle three miles beyond Spottsylvania C. H. Lee is entrenching, and his position probably will require flanking.

Federal losses about thirty-five thousand, nearly made good by reinforcements which still continue arriving.

Sherman heard from on Sunday night; his lines advanced, and left having stormed two lines of enemy's earthworks.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

THE CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

On the 25th ult., the several members accredited by the Sovereigns to the Conference assembled at the first lord of the treasury's official residence in Downing-street, Whitehall. The Earl Russell, K. G., secretary of state for foreign Affairs, accompanied by the Earl of Clarendon, K. G., appointed to assist in the deliberations, were the first to arrive. There were also present—Their Excellencies Baron Brunnow, the Russian ambassador; Prince de la Tour d' Auvergne, French ambassador; Count Bernstorff, Prussian ambassador; accompanied by Baron Balan; Count R. d' Apponyi, the Austrian ambassador; E. de Bille, the Danish minister, accompanied by M. de Quaad, the Danish minister of foreign affairs; Count Waachtmeister, the Swedish minister; Baron de Boust, plenipotentiary from the Germanic Diet; and Count de Ditzthum, &c. The Conference was held in one of the large apartments overlooking the St. James's Park. A circular table with seats for 14 persons was placed in the centre of the room.

The Morning Post says:—The Conference unanimously appointed Earl Russell its president, and the Hon. William Stuart as secretary. We need hardly remind our readers that deliberations of this important character are necessarily secret; nevertheless, any important resolution generally transpires. On this occasion however, we believe we are not far wrong in surmising that no decision of sufficient weight to ooze through official filters was arrived at. A conference is almost necessarily a slow machine. We believe that the present assembly will be held about twice a week, which is quite often enough to allow of the frequent and necessary "references to Governments," which are the old and constant habits of diplomatists. We shall no doubt learn presently, if only by the fact, when the Conference shall arrive at the conclusion of an armistice, or any other practical determination.