

the lawyers, or the mechanics, had as much right to their journal at the public expense as the agricultural class.

The report was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Archibald complained of the small progress which had been made in the public business. He would like to enquire of the government when they intended to bring down the important question of Education, promised in the Governor's speech.

Hon. Pro. Sec'y. did not think that they were open to the charge of spending much time unnecessarily. The public documents had been submitted as rapidly as the House was ready for them. In reply he stated that the government would be prepared at an early day to submit a measure upon the subject of Education. He laid on the table the report of the Superintendent of Education.

Hon. Attorney General thought that as much work had been done up to this time, as in any session for the last ten years. As to the question of the school law he would remark that as the government had to collect information as to the practical working of the system in the localities in which it had been tried, it was impossible for them to have dealt with it at an earlier period.

Hon. Pr.v. Secretary was prepared to show that the business was more advanced now than at any similar period in former sessions. The time occupied in reading the reports from the heads of the various public departments, he considered well spent.

Mr. Archibald differed entirely from the hon. Pr.v. Secretary, as to the propriety of occupying time by the reading of reports. He thought that they should always be printed and placed in the hands of members, when they would receive more attention than when read by the Clerk.

The report was referred to the Committee on Education, and the House adjourned.

Religious Intelligence.

PUGWASH.—Rev. Alfred Chipman informs us, Feb. 20th, that twelve persons, who have professed faith in Christ, have been recently baptized at Pugwash. Another convert is received and the prospect as indicated by the meetings is hopeful. May this be the precursor of a large outpouring of the God's blessing on the labors of His servants in that neighbourhood.

BADDECK RIVER, C. B., UPPER SETTLEMENT.—Mr. Editor.—I am cheering to hear from different parts of the Provinces of the gracious working of the Lord Jesus, quickening his people and converting sinners. It is good to hear that brother Hickson is blessed in his labour of love—that souls are coming to the Saviour. To hear such glad tidings stimulates those that love the Lord Jesus, and his cause. May a Spirit of holy zeal fill every heart. I believe that the Lord has a great work to do in this our day. Here many are more solemnly anxious as to the eternal welfare of their immortal souls, than ever I witnessed before. Lord's Day before last I baptized two rejoicing converts. Tomorrow morning I intend leaving home for the English Settlement in St. Ann's, responding to the Macedonian cry. May the Lord be pleased to be with us, and may we hear more and more of sinners fleeing to the Lord Jesus. Brethren, pray for us in this very interesting field, which is both populous and extensive.

Yours in the bonds of Jesus Christ, WILLIAM MCPHEE.

American and Foreign News.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to Associated Press.]

TEUESDAY, Feb. 21st.—In capturing Columbia the Federals obtained possession of all the Treasury printing material of the Rebels, and a large amount of other stores.

Rebels are removing their supplies from Wilmington, supposed preparatory evacuation.

Evening.—By the arrival of the steamer Fulton at New York from Charleston, we have particulars of the evacuation of that place by the rebels and its occupation by Admiral Dahlgren. The rebels left the fortifications unharmed, but spiked the guns. Previous to the rebels evacuating, they fired the upper part of the city by which 6000 bales of cotton were destroyed. It was supposed that, before the flames could be subdued, two-thirds of the city would be destroyed. A fearful explosion occurred, by which over 200 rebel citizens lost their lives. The rebels blew up two iron-clads before leaving. The blockade runner, Cyrene, just arrived from Nassau, fell into Dahlgren's hands. The rebels evacuated the city on the night of the 17th inst. The old flag now flies over all the forts in the harbor, also over the city. A large amount of the ammunition was also captured.

Wednesday, Feb. 22.—National salutes fired to-day at all Government Arsenals, and Government Head Quarters, in honor of the capture of Charleston.

Evening.—Fort Anderson was captured on Sunday by Gen. Schofield and Admiral Porter; most of the garrison escaped toward Wilmington, though the fort and all the guns were left in good condition. The army was following on

towards Wilmington, accompanied by two monitors, and it was expected that Wilmington would be in our possession on Monday.

Several hundred rebel soldiers, who secreted themselves in Charleston just before being evacuated, came forward and gave themselves up to the Federals on their entering the city.

THURSDAY, Feb. 23.—Late Richmond papers state that Grant's army is mud bound and cannot move for some time.

Evening.—Richmond Examiner proposes that the Government take as much cotton and tobacco as will pay for the prosecution of the war.

FRIDAY, Feb. 24.—A Bill has passed the Confederate Congress to arm 200,000 negroes.

A despatch to the Navy Department says that on the 21st the Federals were within four miles of Wilmington and severe fighting in progress. A movement has been started in New York to make the 4th of March next a general holiday throughout the United States to commemorate recent victories.

Evening.—Federals entered Wilmington on Wednesday morning, capturing a large number of prisoners.

The Government has advices that the pirate Olinda put into Corunna for repairs, but was not allowed to make them.

SATURDAY, Feb. 25.—Bell the Lake Erie Pirate was hung yesterday.

The bill for arming slaves was defeated in the Rebel Senate by one majority after having passed the House. It is believed the vote will be reconsidered.

It was rumored in Knoxville that a division of Lee's forces has already entered Tennessee; doubtful.

Evening.—The official despatches of the capture of Wilmington states that a portion of Schofield's force met the rebel Genl. Hook's forces a few miles from the city and attacked and routed them capturing 800 prisoners and two cannon. On the arrival of Schofield in front of the city the rebels burnt 1000 bales of cotton and 5000 bbls. of rosin. The total captures amount to 700 prisoners and 80 cannon. Gen. Terry is in pursuit of the rebel forces who retreated northward.

Two blockade running schooners were cut out of Galveston Harbor each laden with 250 bales of cotton, another blockade runner the steamer Will of the Wisp was run ashore and destroyed.

Despatch from the Army of the Potomac say there has been great activity on Rebel lines for past three days.

MONDAY, Feb. 27.—Louisiana Legislature has ratified the Constitution amendment abolishing slavery.

Evening.—Advices from Charleston, S. C., report the forts at that place in splendid condition, and of a most formidable character.

An army correspondent says Lee had gone South to look after Sherman. Joe Johnston has command at Richmond in the meantime. It is again reported that Lee intends to abandon Richmond.

The Raleigh N. C. Confederate says the people of Wilmington hid away 15,000 bales cotton to wait the arrival of the Yankees.

Kirby Smith's army still refuses to cross to the east side of the Mississippi River.

Deserters report that Beauregard's troops are arriving in Richmond. Gold 201.

European News.

DESTRUCTION OF THE SURREY THEATRE BY FIRE.—The Surrey Theatre, in Blackfriars-road, was burnt to the ground on Monday night. Few fires have more completely destroyed the premises in which they have occurred than this fire did. There is literally nothing standing of the building but the front and the back walls. All the interior fittings are totally consumed. Those who are fond of strange coincidences may find one in connection with this affair. Mr. Windham, the lessee of the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh, was in the Surrey Theatre when the telegram informing him that his theatre was destroyed was put into his hands. He returned at once to Edinburgh, and remained there until Monday, when he came to London, arriving just in time to see the Surrey Theatre in flames.

A RAILWAY ROMANCE.—An incident of an amusing, though rather singular nature, occurred some few days back on the London and South-Western Railway. A gentleman, whose place of residence is near Basingstoke, got into a first-class carriage at the Waterloo terminus with the intention of proceeding home by one of the main-line down trains. His only fellow-passengers in the compartment were a lady and infant and another gentleman, and thus things remained till the arrival of the train at Walton, where the other gentleman left the carriage, leaving the first gentleman with the lady and child. Shortly after this the train reached the Weybridge Station, and on its stopping, the lady under the pretext of looking for her servant, or carriage, requested her male fellow-passenger to hold the infant for a few moments while she went to search for what she wanted. The bell rang for the starting of the train, and the gentleman thus strangely left with the baby began to get rather fidgetty, and anxious to return his charge to the mother. The lady, however, did not again put in her appearance, and the train went on without her, the child remaining with the gentleman, who, on arriving at his destination, took the child home to his wife, and explained the circumstances under which it came into his possession. No application has at present, it is understood, been made for the "lost child," which has for the nonce been adopted the gentleman and his wife, who it is said, are without any family of their own.

Marriages.

On the 23rd inst., by the Rev. J. Lathorn, Andrew J. Cowie, Esq., M. D., to Maggie, daughter of Wm. S. More, Esq.

On the 22nd inst., at the residence of Joel Lamont, Esq., Cornwallis, by the Rev. Howard D. Steele, A. M., John W. Churchill, Esq., of Hantsport, to Emeline, daughter of the late Earl Burgess, Esq.

At the residence of J. D. Meloney, Esq., No. 10 Sydney, on the 16th Feb., by the Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr., Mr. Bartolomew Musgrave, and Miss Annie, daughter of Mr. George J. Watson, and grand-daughter of Dea. John Meloney.

At Pugwash, on February the 7th, by Rev. A. Chipman; J. T. Stuart, to Elizabeth Oxley. (Colonist please copy.)

On the 15th inst., by the Rev. James Thomas, Mr. James Skinner, of Guysboro, to Miss Maria Ford, of Halifax.

By the Rev. H. Achilles, Sept. 14th, 1864, Mr. David Anderson, to Miss Jane O'iver, both of Granville, N. S.

Also, by the same, Sept. 24th, at Graywood, Mr. William O'ice, of Graywood, to Miss Ruth Morton, of Granville.

Also, by the same Nov. 3rd, Mr. Charles Hudson, of Granville, to Mrs. Lucinda Rand, of Annapolis. Also, by the same, Feb. 1st, 1865, Mr. John Halliday, of Granville, to Miss Agatha Wade, of Granville.

On Scotts Bay Mountain, Jan. 16th, 1865, by Rev. D. Freeman, Mr. Alonza Steele, to Miss Rebeckah Sandford, both of Cornwallis.

Also, by the same, Jan. 17th, in Lower Peregau, at the house of the bride's father, Mr. Samuel Lyons, to Miss Mary Clementine Beach, both of Lower Peregau.

Also, by the same, Jan. 18th, in Lower Peregau, at the house of the bride's father, Mr. John Graves, to Miss Charlotte Ann Pineo.

Deaths.

On the 25th inst., William David, aged 36 years.

On Friday, Mary Elizabeth, relict of the late W. B. Barnes, aged 45 years.

At the Poor's Asylum, 23th inst., James Reid, aged 61 years.

On Monday evening, Hannah, the beloved wife of Alex. Neal, and daughter of the late Wm. Woodill, in the 42nd year of her age.

On 21th inst., Alice Olivia, daughter of S. F. Barss, aged 3 months.

On Tuesday, 21st, at Truro, Joseph Dickie, Esq., aged 56 years.

At Elmstead, on the 22nd inst., in the 75th year of his age, the Rev. John Martin, for many years pastor of St. Andrew's Church, in this City, and more recently Superintendent of Missions in connection with the Established Church of Scotland.

At Parker's Cove, on the 15th Jan., Mr. Robert Oliver, in the 23rd year of his age. His end was peace.

In Hantsport, Jan. 11th, 1865, William H., aged 15 years, son of Mrs. Stephen Jackson, of Lower Peregau. Mrs. Jackson, lost an other son, aged 21 years, the 21st Oct., 1864. But the Lord can sustain in heavy affliction.

On Scotts Bay Mountain, Jan. 12th, aged 17 years, Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Brown.

In the same place, Feb. 1st, infant daughter of Benjamin and Mary Robinson, aged 7 weeks.

At West River, Pictou Co., Feb. 5th, Maggie, wife of Mr. John Sutherland, aged 28 years, leaving two little children, also a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. Her end was peace. She was interred in Cornwallis.

In Scotts Bay, Feb. 6th, William Henry, son of William and Jane Butler, aged 8 years. The little fellow came to his death by coasting down the hill. His sled brought up against a log, and the shock inflicted an injury, which after three days of anguish resulted in death.

At North Bar, C. B., on the 26th Dec., 1864, Mrs. William Peppert, in the 61st year of her age; deeply regretted by all. Mrs. Peppert a member of the Episcopal Church, was a sincere christian, and throughout her sickness, which was long and painful, she exhibited the utmost patience and resignation, earnestly desiring "to depart and be with Christ," she knew what it was to love all who "love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity," and as she was visited during her last illness, so her funeral was attended, by ministers of different denominations. A sorrowing family have been left to mourn her loss. May they each experience "like precious faith" with hers; and bye and bye all meet her in heaven.—Com.

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Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Monday, Feb. 20th.—Schns. Life Boat, Foster, Port Medway; J. B. Huey, Huey, Sydney; Ripple, Willet, New York—four.

Tuesday, 21st.—Brigs Ocean Star, Jenkins, Bermuda 12 days—molasses and coal; J. B. Blinckhorn, Harvey, Glasgow; schns. Arbutus, (French) Gaultier, St. Pierre, Miqueton 6 days; Mere de Famille, F. v. de; Darling, Sluizenwhite, Shelburne.

Wednesday, 22nd.—Schns. Wm. Stairs, Ham, Kingston Jan. 21 days; Sardonyx, Nickerson, Barrington; Peniel, Liverpool, N. S.; Darling, McL-nac, Boston; Susan, Lang, Portland—four; Harmony, Nickerson, do—do; G. R. C., Baker, Nassau 35 days—coal.

Thursday, 23rd.—H. M. steamship, Medes, Com. Preston, from a cruise; steamer Commerce, Snow, Boston 44 hours; schns. Mary Jane, Georgetown, P. E. I. 35 days; Village Queen, Banks, Barrington; Foam, Lahrave; J. W. Mullick, do.

Friday, 24th.—R. M. steamer Delta, Hunter, St. Thomas and Bermuda 4 days; schr. Rover, O'Bryan, Bermuda.

Sunday, 26th.—Schr. Rival, Williams, Liverpool, N. S.—lumber.—has 15 of the crew of the ship Bessie Hatheway on board.

Monday, 27th.—Brigt Mary, Marby, Ponce, P. R.

Cleared.

Tuesday, Feb. 21st.—Schooners Dashaway, Ketter Port; Laco, Arbutus, (French) Gaultier, St. Pierre, Miq.

Wednesday, 22nd.—Brigt Queen of the North, Campbell, Portland; America, French, Boston; schr. Mary, Walsh, New York.

Thursday, 23rd.—Ship British Lion, Mann, Liverpool, G. B.; schr. Telegraph, Shaw, Philadelphia.

Friday, 24th.—Schns. Clara, Mason, Foreign W. Indies; Peniel, Smith, Liverpool, N. S.

Saturday, 25th.—Steamer Helen, Waddell, London; brigs Sarah, Mund y, British W. Indies; Forward, Essex, Jamaica; brig Rover, Ryan, British W. Indies.

Monday, 27th.—Steamer Commerce, Snow, Boston; schns. Harmony, Nicholson, Demarara; Sardonyx, Burke, B. W. Indies; Ripple, Walsh, Isaac's Harbor.

Memoranda.

Boston, Feb. 13th.—Arr. brig Stanley, Snow, St. Martins; schns. George Parke, Cornwallis; Olivia B. Houston; brig Brill, Inguana. 20th.—Brigt W. H. Townsend, Bonaire; old bark Ocean Home, Whelden, Mitanzas via Portland; schr. Emma, McLeod, St. Jago.

New York, Feb. 19th.—Arr. Coronella, Turks Island; Ella, Cow Bay. 21st.—Helen, Davidson, Halifax.

Captain Jenkins of brig Ocean Star, reports, on Monday, 18th inst., lost head of fore-top-mast, stove galley, boats, &c. On Sunday, lost W. A. Smith, of Liverpool, N. S., overboard. Brigs Mathilde, and Henry Gilbert, arrived at Bermuda from Halifax, had experienced heavy weather, and lost considerable of their cattle; brig Alliance, from Halifax, sighted the Island six days previous to sailing of Ocean Star, but had not arrived.

Bermuda, Feb. 18th.—Three vessels in distress, arrived at St. George's since Wednesday. One we learn is a ship in a sinking condition, said to be out 104 days, bound to Boston, Bristol, England. A brig from St. Martins, with a cargo of salt, for New York, crew in almost a starving condition. They had killed and partly eaten a dog, a portion of which was left when she arrived. A bark also bound to New York from Cardiff, almost a wreck.

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