

The Witness suggests that a demonstration may be attempted on arrival of the Confederate officers shortly expected here.

DARTMOUTH.—Houses have been in great demand of late in Dartmouth. The accommodation for crossing the harbour are so much greater than formerly that it is only a wonder that there are not many more Halifax families who choose their residence on that side.

TWO BOYS had a narrow escape from drowning on Thursday last in one of the Dartmouth Lakes. They were rescued by an Indian.

SALMON has been selling in Halifax at 15 cents per lb.

At the letting of the stalls in the Fish market an almost unanimous willingness was expressed by the fishermen to have the market closed on the Lord's Day.

Alderman Ackhurst, Chairman of the Committee of City Property, made the proposal to them, and we trust it may be carried into effect.

THAT BELL.—We learn from the Sun "that the church bell which was taken out of the steamer Chesapeake, and presented by the pirate Braine to a church in LaHave, as a reward for the sympathy and assistance which he received in that river, has been brought to this city by the Provincial Government, to be given up to the United States Consul, and by him restored to the congregation in Maine, to which it rightfully belongs."

OUR MINERAL WEALTH.—At the last monthly meeting of the N. S. Institute of National Science held on Monday May 1st. Professor How's paper entitled "Notes on the Economic Mineralogy of Nova Scotia," was read by the Secretary. It treated upon the Ores of Manganese and their uses.

It was stated that a valuable addition to the mining industry of the Province had been made within the last three years, by the working of the ores of manganese. Dr. Howe has been concerned in examining and reporting on the qualities of these ores, and has also been furnished with sundry details of interest respecting them, from various sources.

The ores of Manganese, found in quantities in this Province, are Wad, Manganite, and Pyrolusite, which is often mixed with Psilomalane.

Wad has been found at Parraboro, and at a locality East of Halifax. Neither of these are likely to be valuable for the purposes to which ores of manganese are employed at present, but would probably serve as paints.

Manganite occurs abundantly at Walton and Cheverie, and is met with at Douglas and Rawdon. It is very hard, and contains about 29 per cent. binioxide. The Dr. was informed by a gentleman from Boston dealing in these ores, that they answer for a certain secret process better than the soft rich ore, and that something like 50 tons were sold in the United States in 1863.

Pyrolusite is the ordinary marketable ore, and is entirely composed of binioxide of manganese. It is found near Kentville, near Pictou, near Amherst, at Musquodoboit, and at Walton and Teny Cape. Mining operations have been carried on at Walton and Teny Cape. About 72 tons of this ore sent to England in 1863, picked and of uniform quality, averaged on analysis 91.5 per cent. binioxide, and gave less than a half per cent. iron—it sold half for £8 10; half £9 stg. per ton. From three to four hundred tons have been taken from this mine, and the prospects improving.

Another mine is in operation, owned by Messrs. Weeks & Co., affording from 88 to about 92.5 of binioxide; some of the proceeds sent to Liverpool, England, averaged £8 5s. stg. per ton.

Manganese ores are employed for a variety of purposes in certain chemical manufactures.

They are used principally in manufactures of bleaching, powder, glass, pottery, iron, brown colours in dyeing; and manganates and permanganates for certain oxidizing processes, as bleaching fats and for disinfecting. The native oxide is used for making boiled oil, has been recommended as a deodorizer and purifier of water, and a cheap agent for extracting gold from quartz. The high price given for the Teny Cape ore was owing to the absence of iron, there being less than a half per cent. with 91.5 of binioxide. Perhaps a few hundred tons a year were all that would find sale at that price. The consumption in Great Britain was roughly stated at about 45,000 tons per annum, and in the United States at 500 tons, at the present time.

The quantities of binioxide of manganese contained in some of the Nova Scotia ores were stated by Dr. Howe as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Ore Name and Binioxide Percentage. Includes Cheverie, Wad, Pyrolusite, Psilomalane, etc.

It is apparent, therefore, as the paper stated, that the ores of manganese are likely to prove of considerable importance in the economic mineralogy of the Province.

THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS of the \$500 reward for capturing the escaped prisoners were paid to the person who gave information to the military look-outs.

GOLD.—Upwards of 1800 ounces of gold have been realized from the Germany Company's claims at Waverly during the months of March and April.

We are informed that at Isaac's Harbor some of the leads of quartz are yielding six ounces to the ton.

VACCINATION was performed on 1561 persons in Halifax in about two weeks in April.

CHARLOTTETOWN, BOSTON, AND HALIFAX.—The owners and agent of this line of steamers—the Commerce and Greyhound—are preparing for a large increase of business this summer. Their wharf has been enlarged and a commodious warehouse has been erected in the centre for the protection of freight.

Some busybodies tried to raise a report that a contagious fever was prevalent in the city. We are glad to learn that it is entirely without foundation.

The northern part of the common is having a number of ornamental trees planted around it.

The City Council have sold one of the hand Fire Engines to Antigonish for \$500.

YARMOUTH.—A double cottage, owned and occupied by Messrs. John Wetmore and Joseph C. Wetmore, Junr., was burnt to the ground on Thursday last. It is believed to have originated from ashes kept in a barrel.

ARGYLE.—We are sorry to learn that the Baptist Meeting house was burnt down on Sunday afternoon, the 30th ult., supposed to have arisen from a defective stove-pipe.

The HALIFAX VOLUNTEERS were at drill on the Parade on Monday evening last till near 10 o'clock.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The merchants of Halifax held a meeting on Monday afternoon for the purpose of considering the propriety of sending delegates to the Merchants' Convention at Detroit during the summer. It was agreed to re-organize the Chamber of Commerce, and a committee of nineteen merchants was appointed to carry the same into effect.

SUPREME COURT.—The Spring Term was opened on Tuesday May 2nd. The following is a list of the cases before the Court:—Alex. McKenzie, charged with murder; Oliver Gibson, murder; John Cook, stabbing; John Blair, shooting; Charles Bates, crim. con.; Christia A. Goodwin and Henry Willenough, concealing birth; Thos. Hayden, assaulting Coroner Jennings; four soldiers, highway robbery; John Butler and Alex. Davis, burglary; two girls Susan Dorey and Eliza Bontillier, stealing cash box from Mr. Harrington; John Sullivan and Angus McDonald, stealing quartz from Waverley Gold Diggings; Thos. Wade, larceny; Thos. Arrow-smith, larceny; James Smith, larceny; Francis White, and George White, larceny; John Frahill, crim. con.; Thomas Walsh, larceny. The Chief Justice, in submitting the above list of criminal cases to the Grand Jury, expressed his deep regret at the evidence it afforded that crime was on the increase in this city and vicinity.

The Criminal Court adjourned over on Wednesday to Friday.

On Friday Susan Dorey and Eliza Bontillier were found guilty and the former sentenced to 18 months on the Penitentiary and the latter 6 months.

Sullivan and McDonald were remanded, as the jury could not agree.

On Monday and yesterday the Court were engaged with the trial of Alexander McKenzie, charged with murder at the Railway Junction.

WINDSOR.—AvoN Division at Windsor initiated thirteen new members on Thursday evening last. We are pleased to hear that connected with the Division and Lodge of Good Templars in that town there are nearly 400 pledged abstainers. It is also gratifying to learn that a Temperance Society has been organized in connection with the Episcopal Church in Windsor, and under the patronage of their pastor, Rev. Mr. Maynard. The cause of Temperance has revived there considerably of late, and we trust that all connected with it will use every effort to keep the weak true to their pledges and prevent a reaction.—Abstainer.

The house of Mr. Donald Rankin, Sutherland's River, Pictou, was destroyed by fire on Sunday evening last. The inmates were, at the time, in church, which was only a short distance from the house. The fire was not discovered until it was too late to be arrested.

THE COAL TRADE.—During the month of April, there were shipped, from the Albion Mines, 9, 973 tons of coal. We believe that this is altogether unprecedented. The first clearance from this port last year, was on the 6th of May.—Col. Standard.

EARLY SPRING.—The Bridgetown Free Press of Thursday says—"It is thirty-four years since the Spring was as promising and forward as it is on this fourth day of May. Many of the shrubs are in full leaf."

New Brunswick.

REPORTING THE DEBATES.—The New Brunswick House of Assembly have engaged two reporters to receive \$200 each for a session of thirty days, additional time to be paid for pro rata. It has also been decided to have six thousand copies of debates printed at least three times a week, at \$22 for first four thousand five hundred, and \$4 per thousand for remainder. Two thousand copies of Journal were ordered.

LONDON HOUSE, GRANVILLE STREET. We beg to call attention to our Spring Importations of DRY GOODS.

per the various steamers and sailing ships, mention a few of the leading Goods, such as BROAD and NARROW WOOLLENS, DRESS GOODS, in variety, MANTLES, SHAWLS, PARASOLS and GLOVES, BONNETS, HATS, RIBBONS, &c., DOMESTICS, in SHIRTINGS and DAMASKS, Also—a very cheap lot of CURTAIN SETTS, LINEN GOODS, SMALL WARES and FANCY GOODS, ORDER—to which we call especial attention. COMPASSION WE INVITE. SUPERIOR TEA, COTTON WARP, FLOOR OIL CLOTH, ETC. It is scarcely necessary to say that we are prepared to give purchasers the benefit of the LATEST reduction in price of Goods, especially Cotton fabrics. Give us a look, but make sure that you are in THE LONDON HOUSE, Granville Street, THOMSON & CO. P. S.—Bought by auction a portion of the cargo of Blockade Steamers in RUSSIA CRASH in best six Cord REELS, (all 200 yards); Grey and Bro. Vigonias. 2 mths. May 10.

THE POST MASTER GENERAL.—A change is to be made in the office of P. M. G. of New Brunswick so that it shall not be a political office.

MAYOR OF ST. JOHN.—Mayor Woodward was re-elected by 655 votes. The other candidates stood as follows; Campbell 526, Smith 305, Waters 300.

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S SALARY is again before the Legislature. Mr. Gilbert has introduced a proposal for reducing it.

THE LATE ACCIDENT.—The bodies of the three unfortunate gentlemen drowned in Lake Lomon have been recovered.

PAPER MONEY.—The Government of New Brunswick are about to issue \$1,000,000 in Treasury Notes. The amount of the Provincial revenues.

A new triweekly paper, the Morning Journal, has been started in St. John. Rev. Mr. Elder, editor and proprietor.

RAILWAY EXTENSION.—The paragraph in the opening speech relating to railway extension was the only one which excited any debate. A division being demanded upon it the members stood 27 for to 12 against.

It appears by the debate that the government will not proceed with "western extension" but will extend their line eastwardly so as to meet Nova Scotia. Some of the papers opposed to the government are denouncing the members with great severity for this movement.

The Lieutenant Governor, Chief Justice Carter and Judge Parker have declared their intention to hold (under Imperial Letters Patent) on the 20th of May, a Court for the trial of all treasons, felonies, robberies, murders, conspiracies, etc., committed upon the sea within the limit of their jurisdiction.—News.

Canada.

ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN TO SCIENCE.—The Canadian Government has voted the following sums to scientific institutions. To the Canadian Institute, Toronto \$750; to the Provincial Observatory, Toronto, \$4,800; to the Observatory at Quebec, \$2,400; to the Observatory at Kingston \$500; and to the Observatory at Isle Jesus \$500.

RAN DOWN.—A few days ago, as two young men at Toronto, Canada, were in the act of winding up the town clock in the belfry of St. Lawrence Hall, the chain snapped, and the weight, which is six hundred pounds, fell, breaking through the platform in the belfry and thence through the ceiling of the large hall to the floor, where its progress was stopped.

NEW DISEASE.—The Hamilton, Canada West, Spectator says that a frightful and fatal disease has made its appearance in the townships of Hay, Hibbert and Osborne, in the county of Perth. Several deaths have already occurred. It generally commences with a pain in the back of the head or neck; the body gets spotted in a few hours; delirium then ensues, then death.

"WIDELY KNOWN." It is generally supposed that the Websters, Palmerstons, Gortaschoffs, Metternichs, and Garribaldis of politics are the men of world-wide renown, and so they are where newspapers circulate, but not much beyond. One of our friends lately returned from China, amuses us with the recital of his journey inland for some distance, where the enquiry oftentimes made when he became known as an American, was whether he knew or had ever seen the great chemist of his country, Dr. Ayer, that made the medicines. They are his remedies—many of them have been cured by them—and they speak of him, as if he occupied the whole of America or were at least the great feature of it. A mandarin who had been cured of a malignant ulcer on the hip, by his Sarsaparilla, seemed to consider it our principal article of export, and its inventor one of the few men this continent had ever produced worthy the attention of Chinamen.—New York News.

CARPETINGS, HEARTH RUGS, FLOOR, OIL CLOTH, &c. &c. Just received per Steamship "Thames," at 150 Granville Street. A superior assortment of CARPETINGS, CONSISTING OF All Wool 2 & 3 Ply, Tapestry Carpetings, (very neat patterns), Stair Carpetings, Hearth Rugs. ALSO Floor Oil Cloths, in all Widths. SAM'L STRONG & CO. April 26.

BUREAU VERITAS OF PARIS. FRENCH LLOYD UNIVERSAL. Established in 1828. THE undersigned begs leave to advise Ship Owners and others interested, that Mr. Alexander Sims is appointed an Assistant Surveyor for the above Institution in the Western part of Nova Scotia. By authority, G. W. MARSTERS, Surveyor for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. St. John, N. B., 8th March, 1865.

NOTICE. THE undersigned begs leave to call attention to the above advertisement, and to intimate that the district for which he is appointed Surveyor, includes all that part of Nova Scotia lying west of the Railway, and from Windsor to Halifax, including Halifax when required. Office at Yarmouth, N. S., where the Subscriber may be communicated with, either personally or by letter. ALEXANDER SIMS, Deputy Surveyor, French Lloyd's. Yarmouth, N. S., 15th March, 1865. April 26.

INTERCOLONIAL BOOK STORE. The Rev. A. F. Porter HAS just opened a BOOK STORE, on Barrington Street, opposite the Parade. And now offers to the public on the most reasonable terms, a very great variety of BIBLICAL BOOKS, and S. S. Libraries, both Union and denominational; large Family Bibles, elegantly bound with gilt clasps; Pocket Bibles and Testaments; Psalm Books; Examiners; Music Books; Melodists; and Music Preceptors; Medical; Scientific; Agricultural; and Classical Works.

STATIONERY. He will act as a general Agent for the Tract Journal, Child at Home, and the Young Beacon; also for the American Magazine, and papers generally. He will furnish any book that is published in the United States, at a very small advance on the publisher's price. All orders from abroad shall be promptly attended to, and a list of books sent on application. A number of Agents are wanted to travel in the country. Halifax, April 11th, 1865.

MR. WILLIAM A. JOHNSTON, ATTORNEY AND BARRISTER AT LAW, NOTARY PUBLIC, ETC. Has resumed the practice of his profession in Halifax. OFFICE--SOMERSET BUILDINGS, 25 PRINCE STREET. Opposite the South Side of Province Buildings. Dec. 14.