

**PONTAL MATTERS.**—We regret to find that by recent changes in some of the mail routes in Cornwallis several of our Subscribers have been deprived of their papers, except they send a long distance for them. We are informed too that the reasons for these changes are very unsatisfactory. In some cases several persons are put to great inconvenience the sake of two or three others and thus

feeling of much disappointment with the postal service is experienced by quite a number of families. At Jeddore too we hear great complaints that the office is taken to a place away from the bulk of the people, for the sake of saving a few shillings to the department, and that this was done not by the fairest means. We have no desire to indulge a spirit of faultfinding, either ourselves, or in our readers, but when privileges have once been enjoyed, whatever changes are made are expected to be in the way of progress rather than retrogression. It is felt to be an injustice to have privileges withdrawn.

We would suggest to our readers that the best way to secure the advantages of mail accommodation is to get as large an increase as possible of papers taken in their neighbourhood; letters will follow, and general improvement is the result. The importance of a place and the value of its property rises just in proportion to the amount of postal service in demand, and the accommodation afforded. The Representatives to the Legislature should be instructed in the necessities of the districts in these, and all other respects, before they leave home to meet in Parliament.

We hope our friends in the Country will not neglect this matter but will attend to it forthwith.

**NOVA SCOTIA APPLES.**—The London *Gardener's Chronicle* received by last mail from England contains the following gratifying account of the fruit of this province recently exhibited in London:

"Nova Scotia has contributed an extensive and beautiful collection of Apples, which have arrived in fair condition, and though generally smaller in size than last year's contributions from the same country, are yet sufficiently fine to win equal prizes with some of the best of our English fruits of the same class.

"Among them some of the more striking sorts are Emperor Alexander, Calkin Pippin, a variety in the way of Gloria Mundi, Sponge, a carnation-striped sort; Rose Apple, another red streaked variety, as are also Red Permain, Snow Apple, and Hubberston's Nonsuch; Spitzenberg is a high-colored kind; and of Golden Ball, Gloria Mundi and Gravenstein, we observed many beautiful examples. The Red Baldwin is a handsome fruit. Ribstones are not better than our own, and the same may be said of Blenheim Orange and others. On the whole, however, the collection is a worthy representation of the apple culture of the country around Halifax, from whence it comes.

The following is the list of prizes awarded to the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia:

Apples, Dessert, 12 dishes, distinct kinds—First Class Certificate.

Apples, Dessert, 5 dishes, distinct kinds—First Class Certificates.

Apples, Dessert, 3 dishes ripe fruit, distinct kinds—Second Class Certificate.

Apples, Dessert, single dish, ripe fruit, any kind—First Class Certificate.

Apples, Kitchen, 12 dishes, distinct kinds—Second Class Certificate.

Apples, Kitchen, 6 dishes, distinct kinds—Second Class Certificate.

Apples, Kitchen, 3 dishes, distinct kinds—First Class Certificate.

Apples, Kitchen, heaviest 5—First Class Certificate.

Apples, best collection—First Class Certificate.

We regret much to hear of the death of Nathan DeMill, Esq., of St. John, N. B., on Monday the 26th ult. aged 60 years. He was an active member of the Leinster Street Baptist Church. For 12 or 14 years we believe he was one of the deacons of Brusells Street Church until the formation of the new interest at Leinster Street. His deep interest in our educational institutions and denominational advancement generally have caused him to be widely known. He has been one of the governors of Acadia College for the last 14 years. We shall never forget his expressions of affection for that institution at our late Convention at St. John, and his gratitude for the blessings it had been the means of conveying to his own family.

As a merchant, a man, and a Christian, he will be greatly missed in St. John, and will leave behind him, throughout the provinces, a large circle of sorrowing friends.

#### NEWS SUMMARY.

By the Treaty of Peace between Great Britain and the United States of America, after the war of 1812, it was mutually agreed for the purpose of avoiding, as far as possible, the chance of collision on the Canadian and American frontiers, that neither Power should maintain a Naval force on the Great Lakes, and that in case of either wishing to put an

end to such stipulation, six months notice should be given to the other of such intention. It is now stated in some of the northern papers that the Government at Washington intend giving such notice. Should such be the case it will of course become necessary for England to keep up a corresponding force unless she is willing, in case of a rupture between the two countries to leave her own frontier in a defenceless state. No one, however, can contemplate such a course of procedure on the part of England.

It is said that the St. Albans Raiders from the Canadian frontier have been re-arrested in Canada. We cannot see how this could be done after the former arrest and the investigation which took place, and their release as stated in the papers. At the same time it would seem that allowing incursions to be made from our frontiers into the adjoining territories of a neutral and friendly Power, must be wholly unjustifiable, and that the most stringent measures ought to be taken by the Canadian Government to prevent such outrages.

#### Letters Received.

G. V. Rand, 21st and 2nd, 2 subs. J. S. Moore, Rev. G. Armstrong, 20th. C. Jost, Esq., 20th, 1 sub. A. Poole, 17th. Rev. S. Richardson, 17th. Rev. P. F. Murray, 16th. W. F. Cutten, Esq., 21st, \$5, 1 sub. W. J. Gates, 19th, 1 sub. A. Lane, Esq., M. D., 23rd, \$16. P. Paint, Jan., 17th, \$8. Weston Hall, Esq., 12th, \$20. Rev. T. H. Porter, Junr., 19th. N. Scoll, 20th. G. M. E. Gesner, 11th. Rev. W. E. Hall, 14th, \$2.50 pays for tracts and C. M. to Dec. 31, '64. Rev. M. P. Freeman, 16th, \$4. J. McLean, \$2. J. Spicer, \$4. T. P. Calkin, Esq., 26th, \$6. D. Page, 28th, 1 sub. A. Marshall, Esq., 26th, \$5. Yes, all right. J. M. Parker, Esq., 27th, \$9.50, 1 sub., per Mr. Webster. J. King, Esq., 21st, 2 subs. Rev. D. M. Welton, 30th. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 31st, 1 sub. D. Fields, 29th. Rev. A. W. Bars, 24th. T. H. Patten, 28th. \$9.25, 2 subs. Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., 29th, \$16, including \$8.90 from Rev. M. P. Freeman. A. E. Durand, 27th, \$4, 1 sub. P. Mcser, 28th. J. Moser, 29th. A. Kenedy, 27th, \$4. Robt Chambers, Esq., 2nd, 1 sub. D. Delong, 24th. W. J. Gates, 30th, \$16. S. Whitman, Esq., 29th, \$8.50. W. J. Bigelow, 28th, \$2. All right. Dr. Topper, 28th. Dr. Freeman, 29th. Rev. Char. Randall, 27th, \$9. S. Fitch, Esq., 30th, \$4.

#### General Intelligence.

##### Domestic.

**AMHERST.**—The Amherst Literary Club is supplying an excellent Course of Lectures during the present winter. The three already delivered were,

- 1st. "Literature, Politics and Patriotism."
- 2nd. "The Augustine Era of England."
- 3rd. "Astronomy."

Last week Mr. W. D. Morse was to lecture on "The Crusades." The succeeding lectures are to be as follows:

- Jan. 11th. "Methods of Teaching;" by Rev. A. CLARK, D. D.
- Jan. 25th. "Life in Old Rome;" by REV. A. M. DESBRISAY.
- Feb. 8th. "Characteristics of the Age;" by W. F. CUTTEN, Esq., President of the club.
- Feb. 22d. "Chemistry;" by DOCTOR JOSEPH MOORE.
- March 8th. "Wordsworth;" by MR. WM. D. MAIN.
- March 22d. "Music;" by MR. J. ALBERT BLACK.

These are all Amherst gentlemen. It speaks well for the people and place that they are not dependant on other places for a supply of lecturers.

Several misfortunes occurred last week to vessels at Wallace:—One schooner broke from her moorings with two boys on board, and was blown off,—the boys saved themselves by getting on cakes of ice, and with sticks paddling themselves on shore. Another schooner put to sea and got entangled in the ice, and was thrown ashore. A third is frozen in at Wallace harbor. Sun.

**ACCIDENT.**—The Cape Breton *News* states that the Rev. R. Morton, Wesleyan Minister, met with a serious and almost fatal accident, on Thursday evening the 22nd. Whilst ascending the stairway and when about midway up it he missed his footing, and fell backwards, his head striking heavily against the end of a packing trunk which lay at the foot of the stairs.

The splendid new organ for St. Mary's Cathedral in this city arrived in the *Francesco* last week.

Joseph Coombs, Esq., will lecture at the Dartmouth Institute on Monday evening Jan. 8, on "Westminster Abbey."

At the last meeting of the City Council the following tenders to loan money for water service, at 5% per cent, were accepted:—P. C. Hill, £500; W. H. Hill, £425; and J. C. Haliburton, £475.—*Chronicle.*

Captain George Fraser has been gazetted Lieutenant-Colonel of the 12th Regt. County of Halifax Militia.

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