HOTEL COMPANY.—A company has been formed in Halifax for the purpose of building a of April next the Postal Money Order System way mail clerks fravel in these railway post of lina) despatches of the 9th inst., published in the Richmond papers, announce that a large six other gentlemen are the Directors. The capital is to be \$80,000 in eight hundred shares of \$100 each One half of the capital has already been subscribed.

LECTURES - Professor Lawson's lecture on Chemistry was attended by a large audience. The experiments were very successful.

Major deflavilland, is to give the next and closing lecture next Tuesday on " Early Jewish mile in length was a standard History, from the Migration or call of Abraham to the Exodus."

FIRES.—We have had several fires in our city during the past week, the principal of which was on Friday night, at the residence of Mr. Charles Creed, proprietor of the Merchant's News Room, opposite the Halitax Hotel. But for the vigilance of a small boy in Mr. Creed's employ, the two children of Mr. C. must have perished in the flames.

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association held in the Rooms, Hollis-st., a very satisfactory Report of the past year's proceedings was received. The following officers were elected :- P. C. Hill, Esq . Prest. dent; H. N. Paint, W. S. Sterling, John S. Maclean, A. K. Daull, P. Lynch and James Faiquhar, Vice Presidents.

S. N. BINNEY Esq. - The Reporter of Saturday last centains quite a complimentory notice of this gentleman on his retirement from the office he has so long held as Manager of the Bank of British North America. From the commencement of the operations of that Bank in 1836. Mr. Binney has held that responsible po-The high encomium is we believe fully warranted. The following extract will shew something of the importance of the qualities possessed by Mr. Binney in such an office keep

"Few commercial cities can compare with Halitax in the shrewd and careful system, which has distinguished the management of its Banks. In every monetary crisis during the past quarter of a century, they have continued not only to meet promptly all their liabilities. but to pay hand-ome dividends, whilst in Great Britain and the United States every decade has seen numerous failures among the leading monetary institutions. In 1857 Britain and her that, on Friday next, he would move for an ad-Colonies with the United States, were swept by a financial storm which cleared the commercial atmosphere of all impurities. Every weak pub- Imperial Parliament, for the purpose of uniting lic company or private firm whose speculations Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newcumb.

ing care of the Banks, was sound and healthy, so that the crisis of 1857 was cor paratively lit. then is the signal gun, and it seems that the bat- which will redound to advantage of the South. publican progress. We doubt not that fisherthe feet here. That crisis was chiefly the result the is to open in the Upper House. How long They also state that the loss of Wilmington will men would be willing to give up the fishing of over-trading and excessive speculation in the United States; jet Haliax, whose trade with the States was then very large, came unscathed, through the ordeal. For many years the Bank tew-have come down well prepared to discuss which fifty dwelling houses were destroyed and of British North America was the leading Bank | the question, we may anticipate a lively time | fifteen lives lost. here, and the course adopted by it on any press and some excellent speaking. The Resolutions sure in the money market was invariably fol- are subjoined to the motion, and will, of course, lowed by the local Baaks, so that Mr. B. has aided very materially in raising Halifax to its present proud position as a commercial city." " He has accepted the office of Director prevention of raids and violations of the fronof the Bank in place of his late father in law, the Hon. W. A. Black, where his advice will great length. A debate tollowed which lasted be of service to his caccessor James Smith, Esq. lately one of agents of the Bank in New York."

The Seventeenth Anniversary of the introduction of the Order of the Sons of Temperance into Haitax was observed on Wednesday last by a Soiree in Temperatee Hall. The evening was unpropitious, and yet a large company were present to relebrate the occasion.

Speeches were made by Mr. W. M. Brown, the Chairman ; Alex James, Rev. Mr. Anguin. and the Rev. Mr. Gunnison. The arrangements. were very good and the singing excellent. One fact was mentioned by the chairman, which speaks volumes for the cause: -- Of ten persons who first unit d, seventeen years ago, in this body, nine new remain in the practice of the principles then adopted, and an honor to the cause of Temperance. The other one, Mr. Charles B. Naylor, departed this life several years since. It is doubtful if so large a proportion could be found in any other combination of

The Annual Report of the several Departments of the City Government of Halifax for the year 1863-64 is just laid on our toble. The Canadian public, and sincerely trust that the Reports of the several Committees and the To I friendliness of which the rereal of the parsport bles of Criminals have many points of interest system is the evidence, may never again be disin them, which may serve for future reference. With our efficient Police force costing say, \$12. 000 per annum, Ilalitax ought to be a wellgoverned env.

John McDonald, of Truco, was killed by the ings can be got ready. breaking of some of the gear of the Saw Mill belonging to the German Company of No. 4 Sitting, near Newport. A piece of the broken material s riking him on the head. His death was atmost ins autaneous.

Bands .- During the past few days flooks of ways: small birds have been seen around by the North West Arm and Dutch Village.

STORM .- Haliax was visited with a farious snow storm on Monday last. The wind piles the snow up in some places six or seven feet and in others the ground is perfectly bare. is like y that the roads in some parts of the country will be rendered almost impassable.

wick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, is in progress sort the letters and papers, record column of Sherman's infantry had struck the Orders are to be drawn in sterling. The rates the registered letters, make up mails, and genebeing but one per cent.

Ray, Esq., - made quite a demonstration on that gentleman leaving home for the purpose of assuming his official duties in Halifax. The procession is said to have been three-quarters of a

Prince Edward Island.

The Legislature of P. E. Island will meet for despatch of business on the 28th instant.

Confederation continues to be discussed in various places on the Island.

New Brunswick.

The New Brunswick Royal Gazette of Wednesday last, contains an official no ice of the dissolution of the Assembly of that Province. The write are made returnable on the 29th of March-to meet the works agreem time

ROUTE OF THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. -It is said that Sandford Fleming's Surveys of the subject. the Intercolonial Railway embrace two middle routes-both of these follow the same line from return of Peace Commissioners and explosion. the Canadian Boundary, until within say 45 of all negotiations for peace. miles of Fredericton, somewhere between the head waters of the Keswick and Miramichi Rivers. where they diverge-one runs to Fredericton and thence to St. John, by Mr. Burpee's Western Extension Line; the other comes down through the centre of New Brunswick, and strikes the present line somewhere in the vieinity of Apohaqui,

Wednesday, the 29th March, is mentioned as the day for the meeting of the new House of portions of the 2nd corps belonging to the Army ly profitable.-made so by the advantages afford-Assembly of New Brunswick.

the following:-

Yesterday, Hon. Sir E. P. Tache gave notice dress to Her Majesty, praying that she would be pleased to cause a bill to be in roduced in the but from the well known fact that most of the the parions of Europe. able men in the two Houses-and they are not furnish texts to the members.

In the evening, the Hon. J. A. Macdonald submitted his measure for the more effectual tier by aliens, and explained its provisions at until 1 o'clock, in the course of which, the Hon Messrs. Donion, J. H. Cameron, Brown, J. S. Mcconald, Mesers. Shanley, M. C. Cameron, Scatcherd, and A. McKenzie spoke. Hon. Mr. Cameron took strong objections to the bill, and the Hon Mr. Brown as strongly argued in its favour. It was South against North. Attempts were made to modify some of the provisions but they were unsuccessful, and it was read a second

It is supposed that the Confederation measures in the parliament at Quebec will be carried by a two-thirds vote.

ABOLITION OF THE PASSPORT SYSTEM .-The Hamilton Times says :- The promise to do away with the passport system has at length been fulfilled, as will to seen by the following despatch received at the Great Western Railway Offices in this city this afternoon :- " This afternoon Buffalo papers contain the intelligence that the passport criter is to be rescinded on account of the f. iendly feelings manifested by the Canadian authorities." We are happy to be the first to announce this important act to the

OTTAWA .- The removal of the seat of government from Quebec to Ottawa has been un- and missing. der discussion in the Canadian Legislature. It

The EXTENT OF CANADA and the vastness of its commercial and postal arrangements may be judged by the following items from the Chronicte, respecting its post offices and rail-

We learn from public returns contained in the papers, that in Canada the mails are carried on of railway the mails pass once or twice a day according to the frequency of the trains and the necessities of correspondence, in what are termed Travelling Post-offices. The Travelling Post-A Foundling Asylum, on a small scale, has office is a portion of an ordinary railway car been commenced in the north part of the car, and appropriated to A Foundling Asylum, on a small scale, has been commenced in the north part of the six (about one-third its I ngth) divided by a portion by some benevolent individuals. The moral tendencies of such an institution are, we fear, somewhat questionable.

Taketing Fost-offices. The Travelling Fost-office is a portion of an ordinary railway car (about one-third its I ngth) divided by a portion present passion aroused by result of peace negotiations should be made available before it evaporates. Some paper says reported Charleston and appropriated to post-office purposes, warmed in winter and lighted at night, and fitted up with conveniences for top has been evacuated.

rally receive and distribute the correspondence The Annapolis electors-friends of W. H. passing over the road or between the several leston and Augusta. stations on the way. The average week!y travel assigned to a railway mail clerk is 700 miles.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to Associated Press.]

TURSDAY evening, Feb. 7.—CANADA. — A mais meeting was called for last evening by the Mayor of Toronto, C. W., for the purpose of condeming the Government for providing to refund the money taken by St. Albans raiders also for passage of "Alien Bill," but the tables were turned, and resolutions passed by a large majority, sustairing the course of the Government. Investigation into the conduct of Judge Coursol has been commenced at Montreal and is proceeding in private for the present. A Quebec despatch says debate on Confederation Scheme opened in Parliament last night. Attorney General McDonald made a lengthy speech on

Richmond papers of yesterday announce the

They urge vigorous prosecution of war. Confederate guerillia chief Harry Gilmore was captured by Sheridan's forces yesterday in Virginia, besides several of his officers and men. Southern deserters continue to report that Mobile is evacuated.

Brazil has issued a decree, excluding all the Confederate privateers from her ports.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8 .- The 5th corps and of the Potomac, made an important movement ed by the Reciprocity Treaty. Nearly all the on Sunday towards Ream's Station, and Hatch- mackerel caught this year have been in Coloniet's Run, which they occupied after storming al wa'ers, and the repeal of the Treaty by dethe Confederate rifle pits. The Federals force priving fishermen of this privilege will nearly The Quebec Gazette of the 1st inst., in its threw up temporary breastworks, and repulsed summary of Parliamentary proceedings, has three desperate attacks of the enemy. They the new rule for the admeasurement of vessels held the position Sunday night, and a great bat- cuts down the tonnage of fishing vessels about tle was expected on Monday.

grees yesterday, am unts to five hundred millions It is further stated that the bill for the repeal of dollars. The little vyology, the little and any

on Sunday, south west of Petersburg, General the repeal of reciprocity will substantially but were rash, or beyond their means, had to suc- foundland, and Prince Edward Island, on the ba- Grant captured a large rebel commissary train, sis of the Resolution adopted at the Conference of and gained a very important advanced position. has been fostered from the early days of the The trade of Nova Scotia, under the foster- Delegates from these several colonies held at Richmond papers of the 6th tell their readers Republic as a national school for seamen. Old Quebec in the month of October last. This that a cotton famine will soon occur in Europe, things are passing away. These are days of rethe debate will last is not easy to conjecture, immediately carry the cotton question home to bounties if they could retain the fishing privi-

A fire occured at Philadelphia this morning, by

Potomac army which advanced to Hatches Run on Sunday, made a further advance on Monday of two miles to Dabney's Mills, were the rebels made determined to stand and finally drove the Federal advance back to their breast works at Hatches Run. The Federals got out of ammunition, the wagons conveying it being mired and for a time matters looked black for them. They lost three to five hundred killed and wounded. Gen. Meade was on the ground in

Gregg's calvalry destroyed a rebel train of waggons at Dinnewiddle Court house and capured 200 prisoners. Rebel loss in the affair reported severe.

the rebel congress stating that President Lincoln had refused all proffers of peace, except on terms which the South could not accept.

the effect of uniting the people of the South more firmly than ever. It says: " If defeated and destroyed, those who remain will have nothing more to submit to than is now demanded by the enemy."

FRIDAY, Feb. 10.-A despatch from the up. Federal loss was 1147 killed, wounded, Giles, Seaton, Weightman, Force and Towers."

naval force on the Lakes of the manual line

SATURDAY, Feb. 11 .- President Lincoln has furnished Congress with report of his late interview with Rebel Commissioners. It simply confirms previous reports that the meeting was informal and nothing accomplished.

Booming -An immense Federal cavalry expedition under Genls. Thomas and Wilson will papers, that in Canada the mans are carried to Montogomery, Selma and Module, for and Sixty-one clerks are employed in the railway purpose of opening the Alabama and Tombig-branch of the service. On all the leading lines bee Rivers to our gunboa's a so to capture and hold above places—Gen. Canby will cooperate hold above places.

It is stated that peace has been concluded between Peru and Spain.

the Richmond papers, announce that a large South Carolina Railroad at Blackville, hus severing railway communication between Char-

Kilpatrick's cavalry are stated to be moving round loose in South Carolina.

Rumors were current in Richmond of the capture of Branchville, and the evacuation of Charleston.

Great Confederate meetings have been held in Richmond, at which fire eating speeches were made by Jeff. Davis, Hunter, Marshall, and others. President Davis and all his Cabinet were accompanied to the meeting by Generals Longstreet and Hill, with their Staffs in full uniform, and all the Confederate functionaries in Richmond were present on the occasion.

Evening.-The Times' special Washington despatch says extracts from Friday's Confederate papers show that at that time General Sherman encompassed Branchville within four miles of that place.

It is understood that Saturday's papers act knowledge its capture, and General Grant states it to be a fact. He also confirms statements of the evacuation of Charleston. Gold

OUR FISHERIES AND RECIPROCITY .- The people of Maine do not appear to view the repeal of the Reciprocity Treaty with much favor if we may judge by the following paragraph from the Pertland Argus.

The fishing interests of Maine are important. Some thousand vessels are engaged in the business, the number having nearly doubled in the last few years. The business has been extremeruin their business. In addition to this blow one half, thus depriving them of a large share The Army Appropriation Bill passed by Con- of bounty which is at the rate of \$4 per ton. of the fishing bounties altogether las a fair Evening .- By the movement of the two corps chance of presing at thi session. This with an end to the fishing business -- an interest that leges secured to them by the Recip ocity Treaty; but no; both are likely to go together.

A movement is on foot in Boston to erect a Statue of Hon. Edward Everett. Over \$20, THURSDAY, Feb. 9th.—The column of the 000 have already been contributed towards this truly national enterprise.

Gen. Sherman has issued a Special order setting apart "the islands from Charlestown south, the abandoned rice-fields along the rivers, for thirty miles back from the sea, and the country bordering the St. John River, Florida," for the settlement of the enfranchied negroes. By the terms of the order, the blacks at Beaufort, Hilton Head, Savannah, Fernandia, St. Augustine and Jacksonvide, are permitted to remain in their "chosen or a customed vocations," but on the islands and in the proposed settlements they are to have the sole and exclusive management of affairs, no white persons being permited to reside among them except military officers Evening .- Jeff. Davis has sent a message to and soldiers detailed from duty. Any three resspecible negroes, heads of families, may designate an island or defined locality which shall be then set apart for them and such others as Richmond Examiner says, result will have may wish to join them, and subdivided into lots of 40 acres to each family.

> HONORS TO PRINTERS .- An address recentdelivered before the Typographical Society at Washington stated these facts about honors to

"The United States Senate has chosen a Army of the Potomac says of the advance by printer for secretary, a printer for sergeant atthe 3rd Division of 5th corps below Petersburg, arms, while a printer occupies the vie-presithat the divis on came upon the Confederates in dent's chair. In the house a printer his been strength two miles beyond Hatchets Run, and elected elerk, a printer postmaster, and on the steadily drove them back until they reached the first Mon lay of December, 1863, the House Dabney's Mills, where a stand was made, and of Representatives chose a printer for their formsevere fight took place, lasting from 2, p. m., man or speaker; at d also of the fourteen genuntil dark, when the Federals fell back a short tlemen who had filled the office of Mayor of distance to where strong works had been thrown | Washington, six were princers, namely : Ripine,

President Lincoln has signed notice termina- Sourrnern Irems - The Richmond Senti-On Friday last a young man of the name of is expected to take place as soon as the build- ting Treaty with Great Britain, regulating nel says: We are ple sed to see that measures are being taking in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, to burn all the cotton that is , in danger of falling into the enemy's hands. How much better would it have been to have . destroyed the large quantity stored in Savannah, and thus prevented its falling into the hands of Sherman. Gen. D. K. Mill, by Gen. Hardee, announced that he shall burn all the cotton in Augusta, even at the paril of the city, on the approach of the Yankees.

Jeff. Davis, in accordance with the designs of the Rebel Congress, has appointed Gen. Lee commander of the Rebel agmies, and placed Gen. Joe Johnson at the head of the Army of Northern Virginia, the position made vacant by the assumption of his new command by Gen.

Jeff. Davis has issued a Passismation appoints ing Friday, March 10, as day of public tasting, and humiliation, and prayer, with thanksgiving to Almighty God.