

NEWS SUMMARY.

GREAT anxiety was being felt at the lateness of the Cunard Steamer *Concord*, due last week. She arrived yesterday morning, but brought nothing further of special interest, more than had been received by previous arrivals.

On Monday the steamer *St. David* from Liverpool for New York, put into our harbor, short of coals. She had experienced very heavy weather ever since she left. Twelve days in succession she endured a heavy gale of wind, during seven of which the steamer was laid to. She had 250 passengers on board. The *St. David* left Liverpool on the 15th ult.

On Saturday last the steamer *City of London*, bound for New York, put in at this port short of coals. By her we have some items of news, but nothing of much importance.

An explosion occurred in a house in Mitre-square, Aldgate, London. Some persons were engaged in manufacturing Pharaoh's serpents, when from some unexplained cause the composition exploded, killing two men on the spot, named Lavy and Crome. A third man, whose name is at present unknown, leaped from an upper storey, falling headlong on the pavement and was killed.

PARIS.—The Hon. W. Grey, First Secretary of the British Embassy in this city, is dead.

BONN, Dec. 19.—Count Eulenborg, who was accused of being concerned in the death of M. Ott, has been sentenced to confinement for five months and a half.

PRUSSIA.—The death of the Vice-President of the Prussian Chamber of Deputies is contradicted.

ROME.—The Papal Government has granted to a company the concession for supplying Rome with water from the ancient springs at Marcia.

A Pontifical decree imposes a tonnage tax upon all vessels entering Roman ports.

INDIA, BOMBAY.—By the peace recently concluded with Bhootan, a subsidy of 25,000 rupees is to be paid annually to the Bhootanese and will be increased to 50,000 should they remain faithful to the treaty.

THE FENIAN TRIALS, Cork, Tuesday.—At the sitting of the court this morning Mr. Butt objected to the trial of the prisoner Bryan Dillon in the county, as every illegal act charged against him had been committed in the city.

The Court overruled the objection.

The jury gave a verdict of Guilty against Bryan Dillon and John Lynch. The prisoners addressed the court briefly, though eloquently, and Dillon admitted that he was a centre, while denied the truth of the main points of Warner's evidence. Lynch said that if serving his country was treason he was ready to suffer for it. The prisoners were sentenced to ten years penal servitude each.

Thomas Duggan and Jeremiah Donovan were then indicted. They pleaded not guilty and refused to join in their challenges.

The King of the Belgians, who for some months past had been in precarious health, is dead. He was seventy-six years of age, and was the uncle of our Queen, who was much attached to him, and to whom he has always been a wise and safe counsellor. It will be remembered that his first wife was the Princess Charlotte, only child of George the Fourth, and whose death within a year after marriage, created a deep feeling of regret throughout England. His second wife was the eldest daughter of Louis Philippe, the late King of the French. He is succeeded by his eldest son, the Duke of Brabant. Belgium has made large advances under his judicious government, both in Constitutional liberty and material prosperity, during his reign.

The most exciting questions which at present occupies the public mind in the British Provinces, is the continuance of the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, which is about expiring, and its renewal will very shortly come on for discussion at Washington. It is one of grave importance to the Commercial prosperity of both countries, and one on which strong and divided opinions are held and interests involved in different sections of the Union. For ourselves we are strongly inclined to believe that the Treaty, probably with considerable modifications, will be renewed.

Rev. A. S. Desbray's letter came too late for this week's paper. It will appear in our next.

NOTICES, &c.

Ministerial Conference.

The Baptist Ministerial Conference of Queen's Co., will be held at Milton, Jan. 16th, 1866.

The Foreign Missionary Board will meet, (D. V.) in Tremont, Aylesford, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of January. A full attendance is desirable.

As it is intended to make a remittance to Burmah soon after, those who purpose to forward money for this object will please do so without delay.

C. Tupper, Secretary,
Aylesford, Dec. 23rd, 1865.

Received for Foreign Missions.

1865.		
Aug. 11.	A Friend, in Charlottetown, P. E. I., to support a native preacher.....	\$100 00
19.	Mrs. Maria Spear, Newport.....	1 00
21.	A. T. Morse, Paradise, (To support a nat. preacher) Harris H. Morse, do. (nat. preacher) Anonymous Friend, (conjunctly,) 50 50	25 00
22.	Collections at Convention in Berwick.....	47 89
	Mrs. J. M. Parker, Berwick.....	2 00
Sept. 1.	Interest on Bequest of W. S. Jacobs.....	38 93
Oct. 2.	Rev. James Reid, Portauquipe.....	4 00
	Wolfville Baptist Church.....	40 00
Nov. 18.	North River Section Baptist Church, Onslow.....	50 00
	Mrs. C. C. Scott, do. with above to support a native preacher.....	50 00
Dec. 7.	Charles F. Myers.....	2 50
	21. Pine Grove Church.....	19 70

C. Tupper, Secretary.

C. H. Harrington, Esq., of Sydney, C. B., desires to acknowledge the receipt of \$40 from the First Baptist Church of Yarmouth, per W. Churchill, Esq., for the new Meeting House, at Block House Mines, Cow Bay, C. B.

Letters Received.

W. F. Armstrong, G. W. Freeman, \$20, Jos. Read, \$4.20. J. W. Bars, Esq. W. J. Gates, \$14. E. H. Jordan.—Have heard nothing of the \$2. G. Dimock.—yes. J. M. Parker, Esq., (2) 2 subs., \$4. Rev. T. C. Delong, Rev. Dr. Tupper, (2) \$9. N. T. Harris, Esq. \$20. H. E. Payson, Esq., \$13.50. Asaph Marshall, Esq., \$8. Rev. M. P. Freeman, \$8, 1 sub. D. Archibald, \$4, 2 subs. I. McNay, 1 sub. Jas. W. Stevens, Esq. W. McCully, 4th, 1 sub. J. S. Anderson, Esq., \$2.50. Rev. D. A. Steele, \$8, 2 subs. Rev. H. Eagles. Rev. Jas. Reid, \$1.50. M. Kinsman, \$4, 1 sub.—(C. M. sent, but omitted in last weeks letters). Chas. Bill, Esq., \$23.50. S. N. Archibald. Nelson Miller, \$20. T. W. Harris, \$4 received on 13th ult all right. Rev. P. F. Murray, \$5. J. D. Masters, \$4, 1 sub. C. Jost, Esq., \$28, 1 sub. J. King, Esq., \$2. J. Bew, \$2. Lachlan McDonald, \$4, 2 subs. F. L. Peers, \$250, 1 sub. C. Y. Snell, \$5. Rev. I. J. Skinner, \$10. F. Hubley. A. J. Ledbetter, \$10.

The expressions of kindness in many of the above letters, accompanying the remittances of what is also very acceptable and necessary, demand from us more than ordinary acknowledgments. The efforts of our Agents and friends will go far to remove causes of uneasiness and difficulty, and to fulfil their kind wishes of a Happy New Year. We most heartily reciprocate and hope they may all have their blessings increased a hundred fold.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
3rd Jan., 1866.

APPOINTMENTS:

Colchester Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace, James Creelman.

To be the Board of School Commissioners:—
For the District of Antigonish,—Revds. R. McGillivray, David Honeyman, Thomas Dowrie, Andrew McGillivray, Hugh Gillis, Charles Martell, Jos. Chisholm. George Brennan, Hugh McDonald, Angus Smith, Archibald McGillivray, Rev. Kenneth J. McDonald, Ronald McGillivray, Rev. T. W. Morris, William Chisholm, Norman McDonald, W. C. Hierley.

For the District of Digby.—Revds. H. L. Yewens, Charles Randall, J. C. Morse, —Heuston, John Tooker. B. H. Ruggles, Jas. A. Denison, George Henderson, Stephen Marshall, William F. Potter, William H. Taylor, J. S. McNeil.

For the District of Clare.—Revds. J. Daly, E. F. Blanchet, John P. Knowlan, C. M. Raymond, Tim. Sullivan, Reuben Perry, Ainslie Comeau, Maudi Melanson, John P. Thibodeau, Peter J. Belliveau, Augustine Comeau, Celestine A. Robicheau, Jeremiah McLaughlin, James Stuart, Angel Blin.

For the District of Richmond.—W. Crichton, Revds. H. Gerrier, N. Cortea, John McDougall, Dr. Cameron, James Ross, H. Deslaurier. Henry Martell, Geo. P. Handley, E. P. Flynn, David Grunchy, John Freehill, Peter Boudet, Wm. Levesque.

His Excellency, by the advice of the Council, has been pleased to declare the Port of Saint Peter's, in the County of Richmond, to be a Port of Entry and Clearance.

His Excellency, by the advice of the Council, has also been pleased to authorize the establishment of a Bonded Warehouse at Port Hawkesbury, at the store of Peter Paint.

HIGH SHERIFFS.—The Royal Gazette of Wednesday last, contained the names of the High Sheriffs of counties for the ensuing year. The same gentlemen as have filled the office for the past year are appointed, with the exception of Wm. B. Townsend, Esq., for Yarmouth.

McPherson who was recently injured at Waverly by a gun-shot wound, has died from the effects. Seven of the eight persons arrested for being engaged in the affray in which McPherson was shot have been discharged. Cary Woods is the name of the person held in custody, for trial at the Supreme Court.

A SCHOOL-HOUSE in the Messenger Neighborhood was destroyed by fire on Monday night. There had been no school kept in it for two years. It was undoubtedly the demon work of an incendiary. The perpetrator of such iniquitous deeds can scarcely be too severely punished. Within a short time three or four school houses in this County have been laid in ashes.—*Bridgetown Free Press.*

CIVIC.—The City Council have had a considerable amount of their time and attentions occupied by the absence from the city without leave of Mr. Craigen, Clerk of Streets. It appears that some defalcations have been discovered in the side-walks' accounts. Mr. C. has since returned. On Friday last it was moved by Alderman Chipman, and seconded by Alderman Gossip, that the services of Mr. Craigen be dispensed with. An effort was made by Aldermen Nash and Dunbar to get Mr. C. to return and make up his accounts, but the question was left undecided till the next meeting of the Council. Alderman Starr gave notice of motion for the appointment of a committee to draft two bills, one to provide means to raise money for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive system of sewerage, and the other authorizing the appointment of a Stipendary Magistrate.

ROBBERIES.—A man named Michael Davis from Shubenacadie, was robbed of about \$75 on Thursday night last by a woman named McLanis.

A lad named Clements, employed in Kenney & Daly's lawyer office on Saturday morning broke open and robbed a desk in the office of \$50. He was arrested and the money found in his possession. A man named Simon O'Neal was arrested for complicity in the robbery, both parties having been remanded for trial.

GEORGE'S ISLAND.—Mr. Blaiklock, has taken a contract from the British Government, for erecting a wall on the Southern part of George's Island, for the protection of the fortifications recently erected there.

PRESENTATION.—A number of young men belonging to the Parish of St Paul's, presented the Rev. George Hill, on New Year's day, with a magnificent folio copy of the Bible, massively bound and illustrated by numerous photographs of scenes in Palestine, recently taken in that interesting country.

ANOTHER VALUABLE COAL DISCOVERY.—Mr. R. G. Haliburton and other enterprising gentlemen have opened a fine seam of coal in the vicinity of New Glasgow, nearly opposite the old stage stables. The deposit is only forty-six feet below the surface. The coal is of a very good quality, and burns well, throwing out a good heat. We have heard it stated that the vein bears no resemblance whatever to any of the seams hitherto discovered in these localities, and the probability is that it will prove to be very valuable. Mr. Roach, the Agent informs us that the company are making preparations for extensive operations, and they expect to be able in a short time to supply the people of Picton and New Glasgow with superior coal at a cheap rate.—*Eastern Chronicle.*

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.—A painful accident occurred at the Citadel Barracks on Friday night last. A bandsman of the 17th Regiment, named John Short, had been in town and procured a phial of nitric acid for mechanical purposes, which became chilled whilst he was returning with it to his quarters. On reaching the mess-room he was in the act of drawing the cork when the action of heat of the room caused the phial to explode. The acid flew all over his face and neck, burning him in a horrifying manner and rendering his features quite unrecognisable. It is feared that the sight of both eyes has been forever destroyed. He lies, as might be expected, in a very precarious condition.—*Recorder.*

YARMOUTH.—The shipping owned in the port of Yarmouth comprises 22 ships, 80 barques, 18 brigs, 16 brigantines, and 32 schooners, —amounting in the aggregate to 74,284 tons. 2948 tons of shipping have been lost during the past year, 1408 tons have been sold, and one vessel of 34 tons condemned within the same period; yet notwithstanding these drawbacks, there has been a net increase of 2,000 tons since the publication of the last annual List.

We learn from the *Free Press* that a Donation visit was made to the Rev. J. A. More, of Hillsburg on the 18th ult. The gifts amounted to eighty-two dollars.

INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

The Directors have much pleasure in acknowledging the following contributions since their last announcement:—

Collection Baptist Congregation, Charlottetown, by Rev. Mr. Davis.....	£2 1 2
Collection Rev. J. Breeding, Western Shore of Halifax.....	1 2 6
Collection Rev. Mr. Tooker, Digby Baptist Congregation.....	0 11 3
Collection Rev. Charles Tupper, Aylesford (Lower) and Walnut (Upper).....	1 5 0
Collection Rev. J. Forsyth, St. Eleanors, P. E. Island.....	1 5 0

Collection Rev. Mr. Kent, Universalist Church, Halifax.....

Collection Rev. J. Richardson, Westport.....

Collection Rev. Rob. Haire, Stewiacke, B. I. Town.....

Collection by card Miss Jane Bentely, Billtown.....

Collection by card Miss Elmira Rowles, Clarence, Annapolis.....

Collection by card Miss Jane F. Morse, Clarence, Annapolis.....

Collection by card Masters Charles Lockhart and C. Spike, Petite Riviere,.....

Collection by card Matt. Publicover, LaHave Islands.....

Collection by card Mrs. Grinton, Brigadier Water.....

Collection by card Miss Louisa Magee, Aylesford, per Rev. R. Crane.....

Collection by card Miss S. L. Crane, Aylesford, per Rev. R. Crane.....

Collection by card Miss Bessie Avery, Aylesford, per Rev. R. Crane.....

Collection by card Mrs. Thomas Jacques, Aylesford, per Rev. R. Crane.....

Collection by card Rev. N. Binney, Esq. [annual].....

S. N. Binney, Esq., [annual].....

Rev. J. Storrs, Cornwallis.....

Mrs. Bessonett, Halifax.....

Professor Higgins, Wolfville.....

Member of Central Church, West River.....

Member of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Halifax.....

A friend of Rev. G. W. Hill, Halifax.....

Mrs. Esson, Seur., Halifax.....

Collection at Merigomish Presbyterian Congregation.....

Middle Stewiacke, Brookfield Congregation, by Rev. A. Johnson.....

2 bbls. apples, Edward Binney, Esq.; 1 box apples, W. Rennell, Esq.; ham from Mrs. Naylor; flour, raisins, currants, &c., James Scott, Esq.; a cake and turkey, Mrs. Esson.

J. G. Cochran, Secretary, Halifax, 30th Dec., 1865.

Also Mr. Hurton desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following sums in aid of the Deaf and Dumb Institution:—

Collected by Miss Annie Lyons, (11 years old).....

Canadian Cornwallis.....

Thanksgiving Collection Pine Grove Baptist Church, Witton, per Rev. Mr. Porter.....

Professor Higgins, Wolfville.....