

A very unsatisfactory state of things exists in the model Republic, respecting the political position of the South. The Committee on the Impeachment of the President have reported to the House that sufficient testimony had come to their knowledge "to justify and demand a further prosecution of the investigation," but that they were unable to submit a definite and final report of their investigation.

The Reconstruction Bill, adopted by the Senate is creating strong expressions of feeling. It establishes military rule in eleven of the Southern States, until said States shall adopt a constitution on the basis of the prescribed suffrage, which must guarantee negro suffrage and accept the constitutional amendment as part of the fundamental law of the State. The Reconstruction Bill on being sent to the President was returned with his Veto. It was, however, subsequently under debate, and passed by a vote of 38 to 10.

There appears to exist great difference of opinion in the United States on the combination of the British Provinces under one government. Some are mad enough to be desirous that the Washington government should interfere to prevent the Union being carried into effect. The leader of those who entertain this feeling is a Mr. Raymond. He gave substance to his opinions by moving in the House of Representatives, "That the establishment, in immediate proximity to the United States, of a powerful monarchy under the support of a foreign nation, cannot be regarded otherwise than as being hostile to the peace, and menacing the safety of the Republic, and requested the President to inform the House whether any remonstrance has been made by the Government against the proposed consolidation of all the British American Provinces into a single Confederation under the Imperial rule of an English Prince, and whether the consent of the United States Government has been given in any way to that project."

There are others who entertain a very different opinion. The New York Times, in an article referring to the Canada Union, says:

"We Americans—as all neighborly folks ought to do—are satisfied to see the dwellers on our northern frontier unite for strength—for purposes of closer political, commercial and social intercourse. They do not come in our way. We certainly don't come in theirs. They may live peaceable and contented lives in their own domain, if they have among them wise and prudent and sagacious men—men who foresee the dangers and the terrible consequences of disunion.—They will not become, in a hurry, too strong a power to be either envied or feared. And if they should, after some federal experience as colonists, desire to charge once more their state of political existence, they will know where to look. They will know all the better to look that they have had trial of confederation. Meanwhile, we have the pleasure of wishing them good luck."

Before another issue, our Legislature will have met for the despatch of business. There appears but little speculation as to the subjects to be brought before the "assembled wisdom." It is not likely that the Delegates will have all returned from England by that time. The steamer now due, which will probably arrive before Saturday, may bring some of them, but we have no telegram informing us that any of them have yet left England.

It is likely that there will be but little business attended to besides the Revenue Bills, which must be enacted before the 31st inst. As this Parliament expires early in the Spring, it is likely that there will be some efforts made by members to place themselves in favor with their constituents, and it will require the more vigilance, lest the opportunity be seized to use corrupt means of attaining the ends desired. The last session of a House is always the most trying to men of honor and integrity. We might suggest several subjects which occur to us as demanding attention, but we refrain.

Notices, &c.

Donation Lists.

Mr. Editor.—Will you allow me through your columns gratefully to acknowledge the kindness of the young men of this town, who, on the evening 7th Feb., called on us, and left \$15 in cash and useful articles. And at Andrew Songsters, Esq., New Harbor, on 17th Feb., the members of the church and congregation, and some Wesleyans, called, and left \$30 in cash and useful articles, as a token of their esteem for me and mine; for which I feel grateful to God and to my friends.

CORNELIUS KENNEDY.

Guyboro Town, March 6th 1867.

Donation to Rev. L. H. Gates.

Dear Brother.—Allow me through the Christian Messenger to acknowledge the receipt of a donation, presented me by the St. Mary's Bay Church, amounting in cash and useful articles to \$25.00, and from the Hillgrove Church \$19.67. Total from both, \$44.67.

Acadia Athenaeum. The next lecture before the Athenaeum will be delivered in the vestry of the Baptist Meeting-house, Wolfville, by Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D., on Thursday March 14th at 7 o'clock. H. E. MUNRO, Cor. Sec'y. Acadia College, March 4th 1867.

Letters Received.

Rev. Jas. Murray. Rev. W. B. Boggs. Rev. I. J. Skinner. Rev. Dr. Topper. Rev. M. P. Freeman.—W. C. pays 1866. W. J. Gates, \$3. Rev. Jas. L. Read. J. K. Stubbart. Rev. Geo. Armstrong. W. Phinney.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

Provincial Secretary's Office, 6th March, 1867.

APPOINTMENTS:

Pictou Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Daniel Grant, Little Harbor. Lunenburg Co.—To be Justices of the Peace: Josiah Rudolf, Jeremiah Mader, Caleb Langille, George Zwicker, James M. Metzler, Thomas H. Mosher, William Himmelman, Joshua Zwicker, James Wejnacht, Louis Langille, John D. Publicover, Joseph Bars, Avard Foster, Benjamin Hagenwall, Casper Oxner. To be Commissioners of Schools, Matthew Ernst, James Zwicker, Daniel Heckman, Henry Schnare, Benjamin Barry, Henry Hut, Nathaniel Strum, Samuel Ramey, Nelson Chesley, Samuel Risser, George Askir, Gideon Langille. For New Dublin.—Thomas Smith, John Teel, James McKean, George Baker. For Chester.—Charles Evans, David Whitford, Samuel Brown, James Cleveland, William Shatford. Cape Breton Co.—To be a Coroner—James Gregg, Glace Bay Mines. To be Justices of the Peace—George Gelling, Big Lorraine, Henry Mitchell, Albert Carman, Jas. Hitchens. Kings Co.—To be Justice of the Peace—D. Harris Newcomb.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR.—The committee of this association, in giving an account of their stewardship, desire to express their grateful acknowledgments for the liberal contributions to their funds, by which they have been enabled to give timely aid to many families absolutely destitute, and to many who would otherwise have suffered sorely from cold and want. The machinery of this society has worked so well, its operations, though extending over the length and breadth of the peninsula, have been carried on so easily and quietly that the public are, probably, not cognizant of the fact that an efficient staff of nearly one hundred visitors are continuously and actively engaged in this labor of love.

The committee would simply remark that a great river like the Thames does not make so much noise as a babbling stream but it carries a much larger volume of water, and does more to fertilize the country and enrich its commerce. Those only who have done the work are capable of estimating the amount of labor and self-denial required in its performance; but the visitors are, doubtless, satisfied with the reflection that they have "considered the poor and needy," and done what they could to ameliorate the condition of their suffering fellow-creatures. For the satisfaction of the supporters, and the information of those who sympathize with the object of the institution, the following statistical report is published:

Result of operations for Five Weeks ending 28th Feb.—Visits paid, 962. Families relieved, 339. Number of persons, 1097.

Epicopians, 287. Roman Catholics, 211. Baptists, 137. Methodists, 64. Presbyterians, 26. Religion not known, 372.

Amount of Relief Distributed.—Leaves of Bread, 1089, (\$267 lbs.) Wood, 7 cords. Coals, 707 bushels. Groceries, \$221.15½ in value. Cash, \$73.

The above statement, it may be hoped, will commend the association to the liberality of the charitably disposed, for its funds are getting low, and there are yet many poor creatures without any visible means of support, who need to be assisted. Many men, able and willing to work, as yet unable to obtain it; and many sick and feeble, who have no helper, from whose cry of distress no man with a heart could turn away. The committee have some reluctance in asking for further contributions, for in this city there is an over-flowing stream of benevolence which, if rightly directed, would be amply sufficient to alleviate the misery of all who are really deserving of assistance.

Halifax, March 8, 1867.

LIGHT FOR THE CITY.—Forty-seven additional lamp-posts are to be erected. In Ward 1, fourteen; Ward 2, five; Ward 3, six; Ward 4, three; Ward 5, eleven; Ward 6, eight.

ASHORE.—The fishing schooners British Eagle and the Volunteer, ran ashore at the mouth of the Eastern Passage, on Thursday night last, during the great storm.

NOVA SCOTIA SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE.—At the recent meeting of this Society, Colonel Myers read a paper on the weather at Halifax during 1866. Rev. Mr. Ambrose read one on "The fishes of St. Margaret's Bay;" and P. S. Hamilton, Esq., one on "Submerged Trees in Cumberland Basin." He expressed the opinion that the land on the Atlantic coast is gradually rising.

WRECK.—The Berwick Star states that last week a vessel of about 200 tons, belonging to Eastport Me., and loaded with lumber, went ashore bottom up a few miles west from Harborville.

Since going to press the Cunard Steamer Africa, has arrived. Amongst her passengers were the Hon. Provincial Secretary, Hon. J. W. Ritchie, Hon. J. McCully, and A. G. Archibald Esq., M. P. P. The Hon. Mr. Henry and the Hon. Mr. Tilley are remaining in England. Hugh McDonald Esq., M. P. P., has also returned. The Hon. Joseph Howe also remains in England.

PUTTING OUT THE PIPES.—At a meeting of the City Council on Friday last, Alderman DuBar presented a draft of an ordinance prepared by the City Recorder for preventing minors from smoking on the street. The Acadian Recorder very judiciously remarks on the proposed measure: "Doctors agree that smoking is detrimental to health. In all cases it cannot be prevented, but we are pleased that authority is to be given to the policemen to curb those youngsters who, with a cigar in their mouth, think it a 'big thing' to perambulate through the principal streets of the city in the evening."

Smoking by youngsters we believe to be the commencement of habits of idleness and drunkenness. If it could be suppressed, we believe it would be greatly to the advantage of the future citizens, and that many a fire and consequent suffering would be prevented. The most effectual means of preventing the juveniles from smoking would be for the adults to renounce the bad habit. So long as men smoke boys will imitate them.

TEA SPILLED.—The Recorder says a quantity of tea, said to be unfit for sale, was cast overboard, off one of the wharves of the city, on Thursday, by the Custom House Officers.

A BIG CALF.—The Wolfville Acadian states that Mr. William Harris of Canning, N. S., is raising a Durham Bull Calf, which is only thirteen months old, and weighs 1020 lbs.

The portrait of the late Lawrence Hartshorne Esq., City Treasurer, ordered by the City Council, has been placed in the City Council Chamber.

AN ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.—A meeting was held in the Council Chamber on Thursday last for the purpose of taking into consideration the establishment of an Asylum for the Blind.—About 20 persons were present. His Worship the Mayor occupied the chair, and Stephen Tobin, Esq., was appointed Secretary. The Mayor read a letter from Charles Murdock, Esq., Executor of the last will and testament of the late William Murdock, Esq., announcing that five thousand pounds had been bequeathed by that gentleman, to be invested for the support of an Asylum for the Blind, subject to certain conditions of which the principle is that a building for that purpose, shall be erected within three years after his death, which building shall cost not less than Two Thousand Pounds. After some conversation in reference to the matter it was decided that a committee be appointed to make enquiry relative to site, cost of a building, and maintenance of such an establishment, to find out how much can be raised either by private or Civic contributions, with a view of presenting a bill at the forthcoming Legislature. The following gentleman have been appointed a committee:—The Mayor, Hon. M. B. Almon, Hon. S. L. Shannon, Chas. Murdock, Esq., John Naylor, Esq., Ald. S. Tobin, Ald. Nash. The meeting then adjourned.

The last census shows that we had 185 blind persons in this province. This benevolent object will doubtless secure the favorable attention of the Legislature.

A School house at Ferguson's Cove was destroyed by fire on the 27th ult.

FUGITIVE PRISONERS.—Two men escaped from Rockhead prison on Thursday last. One of the men named Geo. Davis, was recaptured on Saturday by the Police, at the house of a person named Coffin in Barrack street.

POOR MAN.—A woman named McLaughlin, has been arrested for stealing a sum of money (about \$150) from her husband.

BEARS.—Four bears were killed at Lapland, about 12 miles from Bridgewater, on Monday last. On Tuesday a bear and one cub were killed near Amherst. Another cub was captured alive.

The manager of the City Railroad is constructing a "turn table" at the Freshwater terminus, for the accommodation of the cars for the Spring Garden route.

The Temperance Hall Company, at their annual meeting declared a dividend of five per cent, on the original shares.

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