

The spirit that reigned in the two Associations was quite diverse. Our white brethren spoke very cheerfully of the crops; they all agreed that the earth never produced more bountifully; but of the churches, and all religious interests among them, they spoke despondingly.

The letters from the churches were all in the same strain, exultant on account of the great things God had done for them. They contained not a word of sorrow or lamentation. As compositions, they were superior to those in the white Association; some of them were truly excellent.

The number of churches in the two Associations was about equal. The additions by baptisms to the white churches reported were few, probably not over fifty. The number baptized in connection with the colored churches falls but little short of two thousand.

The great need of the colored churches is a more abundant supply of able ministers, wholly given to the great work of preaching the gospel. They themselves are far from clearly apprehending the situation. They know that they need ministers; and now that they have the power of ordination, they seem ambitious abundantly to exercise it. Their apology is that the ministers are needed, and that they lay their hands on the best that are to be found.

A fresh water whale, or aquatic monster which "puffs, blows, moans and eats whitefish," had been seen in Lake Michigan. It is said to be sixteen feet long, which is a greater size than any sturgeon in the lakes were ever known to attain, and has a large head with capacious jaws.

The great tunnel of the Central Pacific Railroad, at the summit of Sierra Nevada Mountains, is nearly completed. Only 64 feet remained uncut at the close of last week. The rails are being laid on the easterly slope, where 20 miles of the track are graded. It is expected that the locomotive will pass through the tunnel by the 15th of August, and that the line will be completed to the Nevada line in September next.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—London, Sept. 2.—In a circular note the sublime Porte announces to its ministers at foreign courts that the war in the Islands of Candia has been brought to a close, and that a general amnesty has been granted to the insurgents. The same note promises that many reforms will be introduced in the laws and administration of the island.

Sept. 3.—A despatch from Athens says that advice has been received from the Island of Candia to the effect that fighting there had been suspended, an armistice having been agreed upon between the Turks and Cretans.

Sept. 4.—A despatch from Constantinople says intelligence has been received there that British subjects imprisoned by the King of Abyssinia have got their freedom.

The Times of this morning has an editorial commenting on the correspondence between the British American Governments in the Alabama case. It remarks that Secretary Seward shows by his despatches that he is unwilling to forego by a definite settlement that popular ground of complaint against England, and like a lawyer, is less anxious for a judgment than to prolong litigation. It asserts that the counter claims of England, at least balance those of the United States, and complains that Mr. Seward now declines to adopt the mixed commission which was proposed by himself. The article concludes by saying that Lord Stanley had acted along in good faith and with a determination not to give capital to any of American politicians who are ever seeking causes of complaint against England, but under the circumstances he will wait till the United States reduces its pretensions.

Sept. 5.—The weekly returns of the Bank of England show that the amount of bullion increased \$50,000 since the last report.

Sept. 6.—Recent dispatches received from Alexandria seem to discredit the reports of the release of the English captives in Abyssinia. In the meantime preparations for the expedition to Abyssinia continue.

Sept. 7.—The yacht John T. Ford from Baltimore for Harris, reported capsized at the entrance of the English Channel was found on the Coast of Ireland near Queenstown with valuable papers on board.

FRANCE.—Paris, Sept. 6.—M. Monstier, the Minister for Foreign Affairs has issued a circular in regard to the Conference recently held at Salzburg. He states that the meeting of the Sovereigns was merely one of condolence over the fate of the Archduke Maximilian. To be sure there was a general interchange of views on the situation of European politics, but no alliance or combination was planned by the Emperors as has been stated.

IRELAND.—Dublin, Sept. 5.—Criminal prosecutions have been commenced in the courts against several persons known to be bitter Orangemen, charged with participating in the recent disorderly procession of Orangemen, and with being parties to disturbances which occurred on these occasions.

TURKEY.—Constantinople, Sept. 3.—A mixed board of enquiry, composed both of Ottoman and Christian members, has been appointed by the Sublime Porte, and will soon leave for Candia to investigate the cause of dissatisfaction in that Island, and obtain from the inhabitants a statement of their grievances.—They will make a report to the Government here and upon the result of their labors the future reforms in the government of that Island will be based.

PRUSSIA.—Berlin, Sept. 2.—The liberals have carried the elections for the North German Parliament, in all the large towns of the Confederation.

Sept. 3.—The second Parliament of the North German Confederation will commence its session on the 10th day of October.

Sept. 5.—In the Prussian Senate action was taken, which indicates that the Senate is willing to accept the assurances which have been given, that the Salzburg Conference is a guarantee of peace to Europe. Conferences for some time have been in progress here between the Prussian-Government and Hanoverian Notables, which have resulted in the appointment of Baron Von Vinch an eminent Prussian Statesman, to preside over the Government of Hanover. His appointment, it is considered, will be preeminently acceptable to the Hanoverians, as the Baron Von Vinch, though a native of Prussia, has an estate in Hanover which he has made his habitual residence for many years.

Sept. 5.—Reports of the recent elections from all parts of Prussia and from the other States of the Confederation show that the Liberal candidates for the North German Parliament have generally been successful, and the liberal party will undoubtedly have a large controlling majority during the coming session.

Sept. 7.—A pacific note has been issued from Prussian Foreign office, in which the recent note of Mr. Monstier, the French Foreign Minister, is alluded to as being satisfactory to the Prussian Government.

AUSTRIA.—Pesth, Sept. 3.—In the election for a member of the Hungarian Diet which took place yesterday in this city, candidates put forward by the friends and supporters of Louis Kossuth were successful.

Vienna, Sept. 3.—The Vienna Press, a journal of semi-official character, says it has received intelligence that the Government of the United States is on the point of concluding a negotiation with the cabinet of Copenhagen for acquisition, by purchase, of all the Danish possessions in the West Indies, consisting of the islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. Johns, and that the sum of money which the United States is to pay to Denmark for the island is eight millions in gold.

Sept. 4.—It is reported that Baron Von Bueat is maturing a plan for the sale of the church property in Austria, and for payment of the accumulated indebtedness of the nation, with the proceeds.

SPAIN.—A despatch from Madrid to London, Sept. 4th, states that the Spanish Government has sent out an order for the immediate return of the Spanish fleet in the Pacific.

Marriages.

At Truro, on the 3rd inst., by the Rev. Dr. McCulloch, assisted by Rev. Dr. Forrester and the Rev. John Forrest, John P. Davidson, Esq., of Louisiana, to Kate Hall, eldest daughter of John Yuill, Esq., of Clifton, N. S.

At Boston, Mass., on the 9th August, by the Rev. V. Garner, Pastor of Charles Street Church, Alfred Brush, Esq., of Halifax, N. S., to Miss Fanny M., only daughter of Dennis Horton, Esq., of Yarmouth, N. S.

On the 4th inst., by the Rev. G. M. Grant, Simeon L. Freeman of Milton, N. S., to Helen Van Noiden, youngest daughter of the late W. H. S. Neal of this city.

At River John, on the 8th July, by the Rev. H. B. McKay, assisted by the Rev. R. McCann, John T. Cameron, Esq., M. D., of Baddeck, C. B., to Annie, youngest daughter of the late Alexander McKenzie, Esq.

On Friday, 6th inst., at Dartmouth, by the Rev. F. Fryor, W. H. Chandler, Esq., to Mary E. Powers. On the 6th inst., by the Rev. Geo. W. Hill, David White, of Kinross, Scotland, to Helen, youngest daughter of the late William Fletcher, of Truro, N. S.

At Locust Cottage, Horton, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. S. W. deBlois, A. M., Mr. Stephen P. Hales, of Cornwallis, to Sarah E., daughter of Edward Harris, Esq., of Horton.

Deaths.

On Wednesday, Frederick W. Morris, Doctor of Medicine, in the 66th year of his age.

On the 3rd inst., Mr. Wm. C. Lemec, a native of St. Maloes, France, aged 75 years.

On the 5th inst., at Bedford, L. E. Piers, in the 84th year of his age.

Suddenly, on Thursday evening, 5th inst., at eight o'clock, A. J. Ritchie, in the 55th year of his age, for a number of years proprietor of the Sun and Advertiser, leaving a disconsolate wife, a large family, and a number of friends to mourn their loss. (Provincial and American papers please copy).

At Ketch Harbor, on Sunday, at noon, Mr. Peter Whalen, an old and much respected resident of that place. He was universally respected not only by the inhabitants of the Western Shore, but by a large class of persons in Halifax city, for his genial deportment and kind and heart-felt sympathy for all in affliction. He leaves a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

At the Royal Navy Hospital, on the 9th inst., the son of Henry and Margaret Munden, aged 6 weeks. At Fort au Prince, St. Domingo, of yellow fever, Mr. Henry Alfors, mate of the brig Rover, aged 26 years, leaving a wife to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate husband.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, Sept. 3.—R M S Alpha, Hunter, Bermuda; barque Sea Drift, Newport; schrs Margaret, Curry, Bathurst, N B; Annie, Woodon, Pictou; Italia, Lorman, Liscomb; Pearson, Mitchell, Wallace; Cecelia Ann, Abrill, Tangier; Volanteer, Lorman, do; Lydia Ryder, Pennington, Yarmouth.

Wednesday, 4.—Steamer Commerce, Doane, P E Island; brig Alexina, Desjardines, Boston; schrs British Eagle, Sheridan, Newfoundland; Gold Hunter, St. John, N B; Mary Bowen, Fehill, Boston; Harmony, Bagnall, Sydney; Belgrade, Boudrot, Little Glace Bay; Spec, Mott, Little Glace Bay; Ella, Mahone Bay; Torbay Lass, Penny, London.

Thursday, 5.—Ste mer Acadia, Lees, Glasgow; brig Ethel, Page, Trinidad; schrs Agillity, Fye, Bay St George, Nfld; Hariza, Foster, Port Medway; Ida May, Bollong, Glace Bay; Margaret Ann, Thomas, Arichat; Josephine, Farrell, Sydney; Tadpole, Sydney; Express, Burke; brig Arabian, Richards, New York.

Friday, 6.—Barque Lathella, Camere, London; schrs My Pet, Canso; Julia, Fenton, Sydney; Catherine, Martell, do; Ocean Belle, McLeod, Anticosti; Levi Hart, McKenna, Canso; Harriet, Sampson, St Peters; Susan, McInnis, Louisburg.

Saturday, 7.—H I M S Themis, (rigate) Admiral Didelet, New York, bound to France; H I M S Phlegeton, (corvette), New York, bound to France; H I M S Onanago, (monitor), New York, bound to France; R M S Merlin, Sampson, St John's, Nfld, via Sydney; brig: Empress, Lessef, New York; schrs Hawk, Gillis, Channel, Nfld; Susan, Lang, Boston; Mary Garmer, Bay St George, Nfld; Sanspariel, Bowden, London; Empire, Hopkins, Barrington; Lark, Nickerson, Sheet Harbor; Fanny, Bagnall, Sydney; Emma, Kennedy, do; Rival, Smith, Liverpool; Harold, Cape Breton; Echo, Mahone Bay; Mary, Rudolph, Newfoundland; Village Belle, Cape Breton; Flying Arrow, do.

Sunday, 8.—Barque Elora, Morine, Liverpool, 38 days; brig Foyle, Roy, Wilmington, N C, bound to Liverpool.

Monday, 9.—Barque Cecelia, Dolby, Turks Island; brig Alice Wood, Doherty, Newport, G B; Esie, Davis, Kingston, Ja; schrs William and Mary, Philpot, Port Mulgrave; Nettle, Hearn, Arichat; Blue Jacket, Curry, Pictou; Abeona, Forest, Sydney.

Cleared.

Tuesday, Sept. 3.—Brigt Abstainer, Petis, Boston; schr Nancy M Mosher, Quebec; Elizabeth, McDonald, Liverpool, N S; Lydia, Ryder, Pennington, North Bay; Jenny Louisa, Marbouquette, Lingan; Minnie Arnold, Kelly, Bridgewater; Alfred Taylor, Hawley, Ingonish, C B; Resident, Oliver, Canso; Volant, Ellis, Yarmouth.

Wednesday, 4.—Steamer Commerce, Doane, Boston; brig Starlet Fawn, McEachran, Montreal; schrs Tyro, Smith, Liverpool, N S; Sweepstakes, Zwicker, North Bay; Squando, Reddy, Canso; Vegetate, Herman, North Bay; Lady Mulgrave, Carlin, Sydney; Ariel, Dickson, Sherbrooke; Sarah, Fraser, Sydney; Emma, Lewis, do; sea Nymph, Murdoch, Sherbrooke.

Thursday, 5.—Schrs Comet, McPhee, St Jago de Cuba; Williams, Port Mulgrave, Hawksbury, Port Hood and Pirate's Cove.

Friday, 6.—Steamer Acadia, Lees, St John, N B; brig Branch, Card, London; schrs J K Kenny, Smith, Barrington; Ella, Baker, bound fishing; Scotnet, Dauphney, North Bay; Young Nova Scotian, Seaboyer, North Bay; Candour, Landry, Cow Bay.

Saturday, 7.—Brigts Emily Jane, White, Jamaica; Breeze, Sheehy, Liverpool, G B; Ethel, Page, Ragged Islands; Aspen, Forbes, Little Glace Bay; schrs Vision, Gynan, St Peters, C B; Camilla, Tweedy, Baddeck; Golden West, C B; General Burgoyne, Williams, do; Bella Barry, Nass, North Bay; Ocean Traveller, Maxner, do; Flash, Hyson, do; Swan, Publicover, do; Mary Ann, Simpson, Arichat.

Monday, 9.—Schrs Cecelia Ann, Abrill, Tangier; Lion, Heisler, North Bay; Harvest Home, Heisler, do; Leita, Peet, do; A H C, Davis, P E Island; Native, Muggah, Sydney; Hariza, Foster, Port Medway; Agility, Fye, Bay St. George.

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June 19. 4 wks.

To the Electors of the County of Kings:

GENTLEMEN,—Some three weeks ago, at the unanimous request of a large and influential meeting of representatives from the various wards in this County, I allowed myself to be put in nomination as a Candidate at the ensuing election for a seat in the House of Commons at Ottawa. I may state that from all sections of the County I have received offers of support and assurances of success, fully equal to my anticipations. Bodily indisposition alone has rendered it necessary that I should resign that position. I am happy to know that the same party who were pleased to honor me with a nomination, have since my resignation, selected JOHN N. COLLEMAN, Esq., a Candidate to represent the County of Kings in the House of Commons in the Dominion of Canada. I have here to thank my friends for their influence and most respectfully and urgently request at least an equal measure of support for Mr. COLLEMAN, who, honored with your suffrages and elected, will, I feel confident, prove worthy of the trust reposed in him. H. L. DICKET.

August 28.

Cornwallis, Aug. 27nd, 1867,

To the Electors of the County of Annapolis.

GENTLEMEN,—

HAVING been nominated at a large and influential meeting of the Electors of the County as a Candidate for the General Parliament at Ottawa, I beg now most respectfully to solicit your suffrages at the ensuing Election.

For the eight years during which I have been honored by your generous confidence and support, I have endeavoured to study and advance your interests, while I have had some humble share in promoting the prosperity of the country.

In the discharge of the varied duties of public life, I do not for a moment flatter myself that I have always obtained your unqualified approval, but be assured that I have been actuated by a desire to meet your wishes, and promote the general good.

In supporting the scheme for an Union of the Colonies I have been called upon on several occasions to assume grave responsibilities, when, for the time being, I was somewhat in doubt about your views upon this great question, and only felt myself justified in voting as I did under the strongest conviction that the general good would be greatly subserved by the consummation of the scheme proposed. Happily the public sentiment has recently undergone a vast change upon this all-absorbing and vitally important question, and I am confident the day is not far distant when the action taken by the Legislature in connection with this question will meet with general approval on the part of all those who love their Queen and Country.

I have steadily, and to the best of my ability advocated the claims of the western part of the Province to a participation in the advantages of Railway communication with the Capital of the Province; and hope I may claim some share of the credit due for the boon about to be conferred upon the people of the west in connection with the Windsor and Annapolis Railway; which is now in course of construction, and will undoubtedly be finished on or before the end of 1869.

I need scarcely remind you of the strenuous efforts made in the Legislature by the opponents of the Government to obstruct and defeat this undertaking from its inception down to the end of the last session of the Assembly; nor need I refer to the unhandsome opposition which it has encountered from the press in their interest, not excepting the local paper of the County; which strangely enough has been among the most bitter of all its opponents; for these facts are patent to all, and will I doubt not be fully appreciated at the proper time; moreover it is known that one at least of those likely to contest the constituency with my colleagues and myself at the approaching General Election has voted against this project in the Legislature, and it is believed that the two candidates likely to be associated with him in the contest are equally hostile to the enterprise in question. Fortunately the most determined efforts of this extraordinary combination could not bar you from the privileges which you are so secure as so early a day.

I need scarcely say to you that I sought not the nomination so handsomely conferred upon me, but that on the contrary, I should have been only too happy to have escaped from the exactions and turmoil of an exciting election contest by myself nominating for the honorable position in question one deservedly popular in the County, and one perchance better qualified to serve you in the General Parliament than myself, and only consented to accept the nomination myself, when it was found that the objections of the valued friend referred to could not be overcome. Having thus placed myself in your hands, permit me again to solicit your hearty and generous support, and be assured that no effort of mine shall be spared in the way of securing a triumph for "Union," and making it what I sincerely believe it is destined with proper management to be, an inestimable blessing to all concerned.

Although a candidate for the General Parliament, I shall not cease to feel a lively interest in local affairs, and acting in happy concert with my colleagues Messrs. Whitman and Foster, the candidates for the Local Legislature, trust it may be in my power still to serve you, to some extent at least, and beg therefore in conclusion to ask for these my colleagues the same measure of support accorded to myself.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient humble servant,

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August 14.

Tea Meeting.

THE Ladies of the Sewing Circle of Falmouth purpose holding a Tea Meeting and Fancy Sale, on Tuesday, Sept. 10th, in the Drill Shed. The proceeds to assist in the erection of a Baptist Meeting House. The special favor of the Public is respectfully solicited.

Doors open at 2 P. M. Admission 12 1/2 cents. Tea 30 cents.

Luncheon and refreshments will be provided at the usual rate.

By order of the Committee,

H. C. MESSING, Sec'y.

N. B.—Should sail day prove unfavorable the Meeting will be postponed till the next fine day.

H. C. M.

Aug. 28.