

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

ALFRED GODFREY.

Died of consumption, May 6th, 1868. Alfred, son of Mr. Lewis P. Godfrey, of Woltville, aged sixteen years.

Deceased from early childhood had been subject to severe and debilitating fits of illness—Debarred thus from many of the active sports of boyhood, he seemed to find in books and especially in the Book of books his chief enjoyment. His ear for music was more than ordinarily correct, and till his voice failed he delighted in singing the songs of Zion.

The Lord early opened Alfred's heart to the sweet influences of His grace. He committed his welfare for time and eternity into the hands of Jesus—persuaded of his ability and willingness to save.

Our beloved young friend's last illness was almost insupportable in its weariness and pain, yet the Lord stood by him and strengthened him. Having thus "suffered a while" we trust he hath been made perfect.

His death leaves a blank in a loving domestic circle which will not easily be filled.—Com.

Dominion and Foreign News.

PARLIAMENTARY.

The bills passed during the session having been assented to in due form His Honor the Speaker addressed His Excellency the Governor-General as follows:—

May I please Your Excellency,

The Commons of Canada have voted supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the public service. In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency a bill intitled, "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial years ending respectively the 30th day of June, 1868, and the 30th day of June, 1869, and for other purposes relating to the public service," to which I humbly request Your Excellency's assent.

To this bill Royal assent was signified in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor-General thanks her loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this bill.

After which His Excellency was pleased to close the first session of the first Parliament of the Dominion with the following.

SPEECH

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I am glad to be enabled to release you from further attendance to your duties in Parliament.

The Acts which you have passed for remodeling the Militia Force of the Dominion and securing defence of your territory will, I trust, accomplish the objects you desire to obtain.

I hope the measures which have been adopted for regulating the fiscal system of the Dominion will tend to the promotion of commercial enterprise and to the stability of the public credit.

I congratulate you on the passage of Acts by which the Executive Department of the Dominion have been organized and their efficiency provided for.

I must express my regret that measures for the assimilation of the Criminal Law of the several Provinces of the Dominion, which were submitted by my directions to Parliament, have not been presented for the sanction of the Crown.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

I thank you for the provision you have made for the Public Service, and I am satisfied it will be applied with due regard to efficiency and economy.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen.

I rejoice that I am in a position to congratulate you on the general prosperity which prevails in the Dominion, and I feel assured that on your return to your homes you will exert yourselves in promoting obedience to the laws, and inculcating attachment to the free institutions under which it is your happiness to live.

The Speaker of the Senate then said: Hon. gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Commons—It is His Excellency's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Wednesday, first day of July next, to be here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the first day of July next.

Except a military parade there was no display. The galleries were not crowded, and on the floor of the Senate, except a few ladies, the mayor and judge, with two clergymen formed the audience, and about 15 or 20 Senators were present.

Sir John A. Macdonald, Mr. Howland and Mr. McDougall, appeared in uniform in attendance on His Excellency with a military staff.

Mr. Cartier and Mr. Langevin stood by the Speaker of the Commons at the bar, and the Ministerial Senators occupied their usual seats. The proceedings lasted about an hour.

At the prorogation of the Parliament His Excellency the Governor-General reserved the following bills for Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:—

An Act respecting the treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America for the apprehension and surrender of certain offenders.

An Act to fix the salary of the Governor-General.

About one hundred men of H. M. S. Constantine passed through Montreal on the 20th inst., en route for Toronto, for service on the lakes.

Tickets for Rev. Mr. Punshon's lectures were in great demand at \$5 each in Detroit.

It is proposed to convert the Victoria skating rink in Montreal into a swimming bath. Those baths have been largely introduced in England, and in the chief cities are now regarded as a necessity.

The rumors of Fenian evil intentions have created some stir on the Canadian frontier.—We learn by telegrams from Montreal that preparations are being made to meet them at various points.

On the 28th ult., we were informed that the troops at Montreal were under special orders.—The soldier's wives at St. John's have been ordered out of barracks, and accommodations for 2,000 troops are being prepared; the hospitals are provided with field panniers; Government detectives are patrolling the frontiers.

May 29.—A number of officers of the volunteers, sent in their resignation in consequence of dissatisfaction at the provisions of the New Militia Bill. The Adjutant General declined to submit them to the Government at a moment when the country was threatened with danger.

A Montreal special of May 30th says that the utmost alarm was caused by the commanding General receiving telegrams of Fenians gathering at Buffalo and St. Albans. A battery of artillery has been ordered to the frontier and volunteers on the frontier were under arms all day, on Friday. Two companies have left for St. Johns. It is understood that the two hundred Fenians at St. Albans will receive arms and uniforms from Boston. A case of blasting fuse was seized at one of the wharves on Thursday night. The man in charge escaping after attempting to stab a policeman. It is rumored that many of the volunteers are Fenians who will fire on their officers on getting into battle. Desertions are taking place at Prescott, and the garrison there is reported disaffected.

OTTAWA, May 29.—Gunboats have been dispatched to patrol the river in the neighborhood of Prescott and Kingston.

May 31.—New quarantine regulations are published, under the Great Seal of Canada. The penalty for contravention of regulations is 400 dollars, with imprisonment.

An order in Council has passed forbidding fishing for salmon in the Canada waters with swing nets.

CLINTON, May 29. A fire occurred here yesterday and destroyed several buildings. Loss \$25,000.

New Brunswick.

A young man named Carvill, son of Jedediah Carvill, of Nashwaak, was drowned on Thursday 21st inst., while rafting logs at the mouth of the Nashwaak river. The body was recovered in about an hour and a half after the accident. The deceased was a young man of good character.—Fredericton Reporter.

The work of constructing a Street Railway has been commenced in the City of St. John.

A very promising young man, named George Watson, whose widowed mother lives at North Richmond, and who up to the time of his death had been in the employ of Mr. John Kerrigan, blacksmith, Lower Corner, was drowned, on Smith's flats, a short distance below Woodstock, on Sunday 17th inst.

An accidental explosion occurred on the St. John Lunatic Asylum grounds, by which a man named Hopper, was so seriously injured that he died shortly after.

The United States.

After the vote had been given on the 11th Article of Impeachment, it was supposed that the further prosecution would have been abandoned, but the second and third articles were put to vote, 19 voted for, and 35 against. After this the court of Impeachment adjourned sine die.

NEW YORK, May 27th.—Secretary Stanton has resigned the portfolio. Gen. Townsend has taken office ad interim.

June 1.—Ex-President Buchanan died this morning, at his residence, Wheatley, Penn. Gold 139 1/2.

A terrible fatal disease is now raging among the cattle in some portions of Illinois. Over one hundred head have fallen victims to it within the past few days. It usually kills in a few hours. No premonitory warnings are given, and although the skill in possession of ordinary practitioners has been brought to bear upon it, it yields to no remedy or treatment, and is fatal in every instance. Its name and nature have not yet been determined.

There are at present nine lines of ocean steamers running between New York and Europe.

A lady has been expelled from one of the church choirs in New York, for repeatedly reading novels during service.

The Union Pacific Railroad has been opened for business six hundred miles beyond Omaha, Nebraska. Sixty miles have been built this spring, and a larger force of laborers than ever is at work on the road.

A FENIAN FAIR.—The Buffalo Express says:—A fair on a gigantic scale, for the benefit of the Irish Republic, is to commence in this city next Monday, to continue two weeks. It is in-

timated that under the cover of this monetary enterprise a large number of Fenians are to assemble in this city from all parts of the United States and Canada, and at the proper time another invasion of the Dominion is to be made. Gen. Spear, the Jacmel prisoners, and a large number of the Fenian leaders are certainly coming to Buffalo, and there is no telling what wild scheme may be attempted. An individual, who has a powerful ear trumpet reports having overheard a discussion in which it was proposed to seize Fort Porter, and under cover of the guns to take possession of a number of propellers, and then cross the river at this point. The inhabitants of the Dominion need not believe the whole of this story, but the fair is a fixed fact. General O'Neill, it is said, contracted with the Colt Manufacturing Company for the supply of a large number of Berdin rifles, Colt pistols and Gatling battery guns.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—London, 25th May.—Great Britain has officially urged a general disarming. The Government of Austria has also lent its good offices in the same direction.

Abyssinian Expedition returning.—Despatches from the British expedition, report the rear column on May 18th, had reached Antalo in the return march to the Sea Coast. The rainy season had commenced, but the troops were daily arriving at Annesly Bay, and rapidly embarking for Bombay. No lives were lost by the British at Magdala.

May 26.—Despatches have been received from Shanghai which state that the Chinese rebels have laid siege to the important commercial town of Tientzen on Pehio river about 70 miles from Peking and the port of that capital.

Micheal Barrett, alias Jackson, the Fenian who was convicted of causing the Clekenwell explosion suffered the extreme penalty of the law at Newgate this forenoon.

May 28.—The Bullion increased in the Bank of England to 5,000,000 pounds.

Horsing has supplied several telegrams during the past week, as the Epsom races took place on Wednesday last. A telegram via New York states that the Marquis of Hastings lost one hundred thousand pounds at the Derby races and committed suicide on Wednesday night.

Liverpool, May 27.—Telegrams have been received, giving the particulars of a very formidable revolt which has just broken out in the Province of Bosnia, Turkey. Troops are being rapidly pushed forward from Constantinople to quell the disorder.

May 28.—A despatch from Warsaw reports that bands of Polish exiles, said to have been recruited in France, have appeared on the frontier of Galicia, and are making riotous demonstrations. It is believed that Langueviz, leader of the last Polish insurrection, is at the head of these bands.

May 30.—Disraeli writes Mr. Gladstone that he will not further oppose the passage of the Irish Church Bill.

May 31.—Parliament, on Friday night, adjourned over the Whitean holidays, or until the 4th of June.

June 1st.—Messrs. Sullivan and Pigot, the two Dublin editors who were imprisoned, have been released on a writ of "error."

Despatches from Bombay report that the Russians in Central Asia have defeated the Bokharians in a pitched battle, in which the Emir of Bokaria was killed, and that the Russians subsequently captured the capital of Bokaria by storm.

FRANCE.—Paris, May 31.—The Emperor and Empress Eugenie have visited Rouen, where they were received with great ceremony and rejoicing by the authorities and citizens. The Emperor made a speech, in which he publicly returned his sincere thanks, and the thanks of the Empress, to the Mayor of Rouen, for the measures of relief which had been provided by the municipal government for the poor of the city during the past severe winter, and expressed his hope that their sufferings were now ended. In his reply to an address from the Archbishop of Rouen, the Emperor declared we will not sever our love of God from our love of country. In the evening the Emperor and Empress returned to Paris.

TURKEY.—Crete. A telegram from Washington on the 28th ult., states that information had been received that the Provincial Government of Crete has decided to convoke a regular Parliament. Elections are taking place in all parts of the island. The members elect will hold their first session at Cnoa, the capital of Crete. Another battle took place near Sparkin, on the 31 ult., in which the Cretans drove the Turks from the block house which they had built only recently for their entertainment.

FRANCE.—Paris, May 26.—Marshal Neill, in an official report, declares the Chassepot rifle the best firearm known. He states that these guns are now being manufactured in government arsenals at the rate of sixteen hundred a day, and that all the infantry of the French army are now supplied with them.

PRUSSIA.—Berlin, May 25th.—The Zollverein Diet has adjourned. The session was closed by King William of Prussia, who made the customary speech, in which he said he hoped the results of the session would strengthen sentiment of mutual feeling among the people of various States of the Confederation, destroy the prejudices which had existed in some portions of the country, and prove that the Germans, though apart in some interests, were one people in warm

brotherly sentiments. The King closed by saying that the rights entrusted to him by Germany would be sacredly exercised as his highest rule of action.

Marriages.

On the 30th April, at Nun Monkton, Yorkshire, by the Rev. S. J. Crawhall, M. A., and the Rev. Horatio Spurrier, M. A., Thomas Wilson, Esq., of Shotley Hall, Northumberland, to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Sir Samuel Cunard, Bart.

At Dutch Village, on the 27th inst., by the Rev. James Uniacke, John Harris, of Gloster, England, to Ann Caroline, daughter of George Laffer.

At Cornwalls, on the 20th of April, by the Rev. James Parker, Mr. Everet Bligh, to Adelaide, daughter of William A. Rockwell, Esq., of Woodside.

On May 30th, by Rev. Thos. Sedgwick, Mr. John Murphy of Windsor, to Mrs. Margaret J. Drysdale, of Tatamagouche Mountain.

At Avonport, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Mr. John Gates, to Adelia, daughter of Mr. Leonard Fuller, all of Avonport, Kings Co.

On Monday, 1st June, by the Rev. G. M. Grant, Mr. Richard Horns, to Miss Flora McLean, all of this city.

Deaths.

At Dartmouth, on Tuesday morning, by falling from a tree, Blowers Smith, eldest son of Mr. Lewis S. Payzant, aged 6 years and 9 months.

Funeral will take place this day, Wednesday, at 3 o'clock.

On Saturday, 23rd May, at the residence of his son, Guysboro' Road, Thomas Goff, aged 75 years.

At Ketch Harbor, on Tuesday morning, Mr. George Martin, aged 83 years.

On Thursday, the 28th inst., Thomas J. Brucher, in the 30th year of his age, son of the late J. G. Brucher, of this city.

At Dartmouth, on the 27th inst., Mr. Jas. Synott, in the 72nd year of his age.

Peacefully in the Lord, at Lockhartville, May 13th, Lucy, the wife of James Pitts, aged 68 years and 11 months. She leaves a large family to mourn their loss.

On Saturday night, May 30th, Mary Teres Hogan, aged 21 years.

On Monday, June 1st, in the 16th year of her age, Miss Annie O'Neil.

At Dartmouth, on the 1st inst., Robert McKenzie, eldest son of the late Walter Robb, aged 83 years.

On the 30th inst., Mr. Patrick Henehan.

At the Poores' Asylum, May 31st, James McGoormery, aged 92 years.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, May 26.—Barque Baticola, Edwardson, Liverpool; brig Queen of the West, Boston; schrs Robert Noble, Kingston; Leo, McDonald, Cape Breton; Adria, Crossley, Cienfuegos.

Wednesday, 27.—Schrs Susan, Cow Bay; Providence, Sydney; Berlack, do; Matilda, Hopewell, do; Lizzie, Mayaguez; brig Fame, Barbadoes; schr Harmony, Sydney.

Thursday, 28.—H M S Doris, Capt Glyn, Barbadoes; brig's Florence, Davidson, do; Wanderer, Farrell, Cienfuegos; schrs Georgina, Mowser, Barbadoes; Amelia, Richards, Boston; Eureka, LeBlanc, Richmond, Va.; Harmony, Bagnell, Little Glace Bay; Robert, Kempt, St Peters; Blue Jacket, Currie, Pictou.

Friday, 29.—Brig Victoria, Smith, Barbadoes; bark Gladstone, Glasgow; schrs Alpine, Trinidad; Amateur, McDonald, P E I; John Norris, Cienfuegos; Albert, Smith, Havana; Rival, Smith, Liverpool, N S.

Saturday, 30.—R M S Delta, Gulliford, St Johns, Nfld; steamer A-hambra, Nickerson, Charlotte-town; brig Startled kawn, Sheet Harbor; schrs Emily, Rogers, Pictou; Conservative, Farrell, Block House Mines.

Sunday, 31.—Brig Dundee, Gould, New York; schrs J C Orr, McKay, P E Island; Eneas, McIntre, Phillips, do; Tracy Jane, Pettipas, Sydney; Amelia, Bras d'Or; John Langlan, Livingston, do.

Monday, 1.—French Transport Europeene, Com Ribour Lorient via New York; steamer Carlotta, Magane, Portland; brig Falcon, Ingham, Trinidad; schrs D Gillespie, Cochran, New York; Pioneer, Miller, do; C Bernier, Bernier, Quebec; Mary, Carmichael, Little Glace Bay; Sarah Elizabeth, Boudrot, do; Agnora, Dickson, Gowrie Mines; Elizabeth, Levash, Bay Chaleur; Spotted Queen, Magdalen Islands; Fanny, Swaney, Western Banks; Vanilla, Dill, Shelburne; Vigilant, Crowell, Barrington; Onward, Western Banks.

Cleared.

Tuesday, May 26.—Steamer Carlotta, Magane, Portland; barque Regina, Cumminger, Miramichi; brig Secret, Anderson, Barbadoes; schrs Alexander, Anderson, Pictou; A E Dater, Horn, Port Medway; Mischief, Hopewell, Porto Rico.

Wednesday, 27.—Brig Teazer, McGregor, Demerara; Elsie, Quirk, Jamaica; schr Annie L, McEachran, Demerara; J R Stewart, McVane, P E I; Caleb McKean, McKean, Lahave.

Thursday, 28.—Brig Veendam, Potjewid, St John, N B; Sarah, Sterling, B W Indies; Penguin, English, Porto Rico; schrs Frank, McKinnon, B W Indies; Quickmarch, Atwood, do; Euxine, McDonald, St Peters, C B; Elizabeth Ann, Newfoundland; J M Maguire, Maguire, Port Muirgrave; Muta, Young, Labrador.

Friday, 29.—Brigs Susan, Crowe, St John, N B; Oriental, Campbell, Arichat; schrs Gazelle, Gallant, P E I; Fanny, Bagnell; Reward, Porrior, Petit de Grat.

Saturday, 30.—Steamers Chase, Colby, Portland; Alhambra, Nickerson, Boston; barques Salus, Ross, Quebec; Craigrownie, McNutt, Richibucto; brig America, Doody, Boston; brig's Queen of the West, Essex, Jamaica; Fanny Gordon, Parker, Georgetown, P E I; schrs Ann Westaway, Taylor, Boston; Princess Alice, Hadley, Canso; Blooming Dale, Wentzel, North Bay; Allegro, Oxner, do; J W L Gaser, Gaser, do; Jas McKean, Ritey, do; Smiling Water, Wentzell, do; Samuel Gilbert, Hanan, Western Banks; Silver Arrow, Munroe, Anticosti; Ariel, Corning, Pictou; Sterling, Lemon, Cow Bay; Herald, McBrannon, do; Lord Bury, Griffin, do.

Monday, 1.—Barque Waverley, Smith, St John, N B; brig Startled Fawn, Banks, B W Indies; schrs H B Lewis, North Bay; Triumph, Road, P E Island; Challenger, Porteous, Lingan; Armistice, Marchand, Gaspe; Fanny, Sweeny, Western Banks.