

Our thanks are due to the Superintendent of Education for a copy of the ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS IN NOVA SCOTIA. It is a pamphlet of 70 pages, printed in good style, by Blackadar Brothers. Its contents are too voluminous for us to fully review. A few facts from its pages will be interesting to our readers:

Table with columns for 'The No. of Public Schools in operation during the Winter Term, 1867 was...' and 'Increase during the year.' It lists various statistics for the winter and summer terms of 1867 and 1866, including pupil numbers and expenditures.

Of the 1261 teachers employed during the winter term, 440 (including the Academic grade) were of the first class; of the 1459 in the summer time, 541 were of the first class. In the winter term there were 779 Male and 482 Female Teachers; in the summer the numbers stood 743 Male and 710 Female.

Poor Sections received, in addition to the ordinary allowances, \$3,905 from Government, and \$3,140 from their respective Counties—in all \$7,045 towards paying teachers; and \$3,874 from Government as aid in building School houses, or nearly \$10,000 as special aid to poor Sections during the year.

The Halifax Commissioners report that whilst they found but 715 pupils attending the schools at first transferred to their charge, they have now in attendance at the Schools under their charge 2788, and an average attendance of 2287; under 45 Teachers—20 Males and 25 Females.

To an intelligent reflective mind these figures, with the details given in the report showing how they are obtained, are highly significant. They are a strong and eloquent testimony of labor having been performed by Commissioners, Inspectors, Trustees, and Teachers, which words alone would fail to convey.

The fact that 1459 licensed Teachers are at work amongst a population of less than 400,000, shews that we are not behind the most favored countries in the matter of education.

We have refrained from repeating what has been said with so much gusto by many of our contemporaries respecting the man John Allen, the so-called "wickedest man in New York," the keeper of a low Dance-house. We supposed the story largely made up of the sensational element, and feared that it was as has been by some reported, altogether a hoax.

John Allen's change of conduct had previously been announced, and it was subsequently said that he had relapsed. The present statement, however, is very satisfactory:

John Allen shut up his dance house at midnight on Saturday, and announced that it would never be opened again, except for some good purpose; that as a dance house, its career had closed. A number of Christian friends were present, who had been notified of his intention, and, after the house had been closed, a midnight prayer meeting was held in the dancing saloon.

Many of Allen's neighbors and lots of loafers gathered in the street in front of 304 Water street, and discussed the pretentious conduct of the Wickedest Man. Some thought he'd gone crazy; others felt sure that he knew what he was about, and had really made up his mind to quit the business for the sake of his children.

On Sunday morning, the following announcement, written in a bold, plain hand, was posted on the door of 304 Water street:

"THIS DANCE HOUSE IS CLOSED!"

"No gentlemen admitted unless accompanied by their wives, who wish to employ Magdalens as domestics."

JOHN ALLEN.

This notice attracted great attention, and groups were constantly gathering in the streets during the day, discussing the matter, and making all manner of prophecies in regard to the result.

In the afternoon Allen attended the Sabbath School and meeting at the Howard Mission, where the fact that he had closed his dance house was publicly announced. Allen himself made a few remarks as follows:

Ladies and gentlemen, unaccustomed as I am to public speaking, my address will be prolix. I simply say that although I have been called "the wickedest man in New York;" that I will help the outcast and fallen of all creeds and denominations, and that I will begin from this moment to achieve a moral reform whenever and wherever I can. I want my friends to stand by me, as I shall have a hard time of it for a while, and I will in future devote my life to doing so as far as I can.

He seemed very frank and honest, and in down right earnest—as we hope he was, and will continue to be.

After Allen took his seat it was announced that there would be a prayer meeting at his house in the evening, and a prayer meeting was held last night at 304 Water street in accordance with such announcement.

The first noon day prayer meeting at the "wickedest man in New York" was held Monday, when the room was packed with a curious crowd, most respectable people, with but very few of the "sold doves" for whose especial benefit the service was held. About the door was a number of roughs who congregated in that locality, and one man was relieved of his pocket-book and \$110 in regular professional style. Inside, Dr. J. M. Ward conducted the meeting, all present joining in the hymns sung with remarkable unison. Allen himself made a little speech, in which he announced his intention of leading a different and better life and of doing all he could for the good of the fallen woman, many of whom he had been accused of leading into that mode of existence. He stated that the keeper of a similar saloon in the neighborhood had agreed to go out of the business this week, in imitation of his example. The meeting was orderly and well carried through.

We congratulate our brethren of the North Church in having removed to their new church edifice. The old building was sold on Thursday last for \$2204. We cannot tell to what extent the late illness of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Goucher, may be chargeable to their former close ill-ventilated lecture room. We trust that his health may be fully restored and confirmed, and that in their present spacious building his labors may be abundantly blessed.

Notices, &c.

Tea Meeting at Brookfield, Colchester Co. A Tea Meeting will be held at the Baptist Meeting House, Brookfield, near the Railway Station, on Wednesday the 23rd inst., commencing at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The proceeds to be appropriated to finishing the interior of the Meeting House. Tickets 25 cents each.

The Colchester Co. Baptist Sabbath School Convention will be held at DeBert River, Londonderry, on Friday the 25th inst., at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M. As this is our Annual Session, it is hoped that every school will be represented.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Ministers of Queen's, Shelburne and Lunenburg Counties, will be held at Milton, commencing Thursday, Sept. 24th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Domestic Missionary Board of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and the Annapolis County Ministerial Conference, will meet (D. V.) at the Pine Grove Baptist Parsonage, on Tuesday, the 16th Sept., at 10 o'clock, A. M. Important business of both bodies require a full attendance. A public Temperance Meeting will be held at the Grove Meeting house, on Monday evening, and Preaching on Tuesday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock.

The Central Sabbath School Convention will hold its Annual Session at Canning, on Thursday, the 24th of September, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M.

General Intelligence.

Province of Nova Scotia.

MISCHIEVOUS REPORTS.—Considerable excitement was caused in the city on Tuesday by a report that a large portion of the mining village of Waverley had been destroyed by fire on Saturday night, and three men burned to death. A number of persons from the city, interested in Waverley, went up and found the village all right, its people being not a little surprised at the report. It is a pity that the parties originating such stories cannot be discovered and punished.—Chronicle.

HALIFAX AND ST. JOHN.—The following is a comparison in a few particulars drawn between Halifax and St. John, for the month of August:—

Table comparing Halifax and St. John for August. Columns include: No. of days on which Rain fell, Total Rain-fall in inches, Foggy days, Maximum Temperature, Minimum Temperature, Mean Temperature, Extreme range of Temperature, Mean of warmest day, and Mean of coldest day.

ACCIDENTS.—An elderly man named Richey had one of his arms horribly lacerated on Thursday morning by coming in contact with one of the cog wheels in the Steam Bakery of Moir & Co.

A horse employed at the Richmond Depot was killed on Thursday afternoon by an engine running over him. Another horse with a load of earth backed over an embankment and was tumbled over cart and all.—The horse was considerably injured.

On Saturday night, about eleven o'clock, Mr. James Adams, store-keeper for Geo. P. Black, Esq., Pryor's wharf, left his house at the head of the wharf to look about the premises, as was his custom, before retiring to rest. He did not return, nor was anything heard of him until yesterday morning, when his body was found in the dock. Some rumors of foul play obtained currency, and a man who was known to have quarrelled with Mr. Adams was arrested. In the afternoon an inquest was held before Coroner Jennings, but nothing was elicited beyond the above facts. The jury returned a verdict of "found drowned."

BULLION RECEIPTS.—The following quantities of Bar Gold have been reported in Halifax between the 27th Aug. and this date (10th Sept.)

Table of Bullion Receipts. Columns include: Company, District, Ozs. dwts. grs., and specific entries for Provincial, Ophir, N. Y. & Sherbrooke, Dominion, Shaffer, leonor, St. Lawrence, and Queen.

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"THE MAID OF THE MIST" is doing good service in providing for pleasure parties. The boiler and machinery were inspected on Wednesday last by the Inspector of Steamboats for the Dominion and pronounced in good any safe condition. The Industrial School was taken down the harbor and up the N. W. Arm, by some of the ladies and gentlemen interested in that institution, on Thursday last, in this commodious steamer. A company was also taken out to sea on a fishing excursion a few days ago.

She is also engaged to take the Granville Street Baptist Sabbath School to their annual Pic-nic on Tuesday next.

THE PRESBYTERIAN BAZAAR AT WINDSOR on Wednesday last was visited by about 1400 persons. Seventy or eighty went up from Halifax. The sum realized was about \$1400.

A woman very respectably dressed and hailing from Antigonish, where she says she keeps a store, went into a Dry Goods store on Wednesday last, and after remaining some time, left without purchasing anything. After her departure a roll of flannel, and other articles were found to be missing, which it is supposed she had taken.

ACCIDENT AT QUEBEC.—Two men of the 60th Rifles, while blasting on the fortifications at Levis, Quebec, on the 2nd, were blown up.—The fuse did not ignite, and after half an hour they returned to the blast for the purpose of removing the powder, when the friction of the steel chisel against the rock started the blast. They were blown over fifteen feet in the air. One was killed, and the other dangerously wounded.

THE SHIPPING OF YARMOUTH.—The following table, shows the increase in the shipping of Yarmouth during the past century:—

Table showing shipping statistics for Yarmouth from 1761 to 1868. Columns include: Date, No. of vessels, and Tons.

The additions of the present year will swell the tonnage to nearly 90,000, or about sixteen tons for every inhabitant of the town, or five for every one in the County.

RESULTS OF DIVING OPERATIONS.—Captain Alfred Larder, who has been superintending the operations of some divers at St. Pierre, Miq. arrived here on Wednesday last, in H. I. M. S. Estafette, for the purpose of disposing of a vessel of 600 tons which he has succeeded in floating, after an immersion of two years in eleven fathoms of water. The vessel is named the Abundance, and is said to have been in the transport service.

Among other effects recently raised by divers at work on the sunken wreck of the steamship Hungarian was a roll of black broadcloth, the inner folds of which were in a good state of preservation. It will be remembered that the Hungarian, on the passage from England to Portland in February, 1860, foundered among the Cape Sable ledges, and that not one of the passengers and crew—upwards of three hundred in number—was saved. Divers still continue at work during the summer season raising property from the remains of the ill-fated ship. A great part of the cargo was raised the first two seasons after the disaster, of course more or less damaged.—Of late the divers have been engaged in procuring portions of the machinery and of the iron hull, to be disposed of as old iron. A portion of the skeleton of a large sized man was found not long since in the engine room—not unlikely that of one of the engineers.—Yarmouth Herald.

LIBEL SUIT.—The anonymous writer who recently involved Mr. Elder of the St. John Journal in a libel suit with Sheriff Viets, of Digby, has refused, so we learn, to bear all or any of the expenses attending the trial. Under these circumstances it is a question how far Mr. Elder is in honor bound to withhold his name from the public, or at least from Mr. Viets whom he libelled.—Citizen.

HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY.—The number of applications during the month of August, at this Institution, for Medical and Surgical treatment was over 600.

N. S. STOCKS.—The London Times of the 29th ult., quotes Canadian Government 6 per cent securities at from 104 1/4 to 105.

STEWART CAMPBELL.—The Toronto "Globe's" Ottawa telegram of the 7th inst. says: "Mr. Stewart Campbell arrived to-day. He authorizes me to say that the report that he had been insulted at a public meeting in Nova Scotia is entirely unfounded."

THE YOUNG MEN'S EARLY CLOSING ASSOCIATION are taking steps to establish a reading-room and gymnasium.

Dr. Tupper has been re-elected President of the Canada Medical Association. Dr. Parker was appointed Vice President on behalf of Nova Scotia, and Dr. Moren Secretary for Nova Scotia. The Faculty had a Dejeuner at the St. Lawrence Hall on the 4th inst.

THE EXHIBITION.—The Secretary gives the following: The entries up to this date, are as follows, and covered sheds are in course of erection for these and all others that may be entered:—

Table of Exhibition Entries. Columns include: Entries, Horses and Colts, Thorough-bred and Grade, Sheep and Lambs, Pigs, and Poultry Pens.

When we keep in view that there are still ten days for making Entries, it will be seen that the Exhibition of Live Stock must necessarily be much in excess, as regards quantity of anything of the kind previously held in this Province. Mechanics of all descriptions have applied for space.

THE TRIAL OF WHELAN is still proceeding. On Wednesday last Detectives Cullen and Hess testified as to a conversation they heard in jail between Whalen and Doyle, wherein Whalen acknowledged he shot McGee. Turner testified to having several times heard Whalen threaten to take the life of McGee. Other witnesses gave evidences highly unfavorable to the prisoner.

On Thursday about twenty witnesses were examined in defence of Whalen, and several more on the same side on Friday. The chief points attempted for the defence are that Lacroix, one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution is a liar, and a man of bad character; that Turner was tempted by the reward offered for evidence against the prisoner, and that a fresh ball in one of the chambers of Whalen's pistol, was put in to replace one accidentally discharged when the girl's arm was wounded before Mr. McGee's murder. That Wale's testimony as to a conspiracy at Duggan's tavern in Montreal, is entirely false, &c., but no attempt has yet been made to account for Whalen's movements on the night of the murder.

The impression prevails that the defence, so far, is very lame.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

INTENDING Housekeepers and those refurbishing can do much better than speculating in second-hand articles at auctions, by an inspection of our unrivalled stock of custom-made first-class FURNITURE, comprising—DRAWING ROOM SETS, DINING ROOM SETS, HALL FURNITURE, BEDROOM SETS, Several suits of Drawing Room Furniture, finished in plain and fancy Reps, Brocatelles and Damasks; Wardrobes, Book Cases, Walnut, Fancy Tables, Fancy Chairs, &c., &c., in Walnut and Mahogany. GORDON & KEITH.

May 20.

RUBBER CLOTHING.

J. B. ELLIOT & CO. have just received an invoice of superior American RUBBER CLOTHING, direct from the manufacturers, comprising Teamsters' Heavy Drill Coats, Lustré Pea Coats and Officers, extra length; Navy Watch Coats, Rubber Cape Caps, Leggings and Camp Blankets. All highly recommended, and good value guaranteed, at the "Gentlemen's Outfitter Warehouse," 124 GRANVILLE STREET. June 10.