

officials. Is there room for the Baptist in Halifax?—*Canadian Baptist.*

Yes, Brother Lloyd we have had a few of the Ottawa notables and their ladies here enjoying our invigorating sea-breezes, and we doubt not they will find the visit beneficial to their health; and will leave with no worse impressions of Nova Scotia and Nova Scotians than those with which they came. We could find "room" for many more yet.

Our contemporary, the "Canadian Baptist" is always welcome. Some of the brethren whose names we occasionally find in its pages have formerly paid us visits; they have found "room," we believe, and their visits are remembered by us with pleasure. We should be glad for our friend Lloyd to come and prove for himself also, whether or no "there is room for the Baptist in Halifax."

A little below the above paragraph we find the following:

Would it be well, after getting the projected Intercolonial railroad under way, by the longest, most sterile and most expensive route, to expend a score or two millions in opening up Labrador? It would be a good project—very, for the contractors.

Brother Lloyd should remember, before he makes light of the Intercolonial railroad, that Ontario needs some means of rapid communication with the seaboard and the mother country; so as not to be dependent, as at present in winter, on a foreign country. They may be able to get all the Labrador herrings they need by vessels, but cannot, without difficulty reach this—the wharf of the Dominion—until the Intercolonial railway is built, of which Nova Scotia has always been prepared to do her share. The Union itself formed between the Provinces will continue a very imperfect affair so long as our representatives are obliged to travel through other than British territory to reach the Dominion legislature. If we had this Railway now in operation we presume there would be less to say of "the disaffected maritime Provinces."

The Political Convention

alluded to in the House of Assembly was a continued meeting of those Members of both Houses of our Local Parliament, and of the Dominion House of Commons and Senate who have sustained the present local government. They met on Monday evening, the 3rd Inst, in the New Provincial Building. J. J. Marshall, Esq., M. P. P., was called to the chair, and Mr. White was chosen Secretary. The Convention met again on Tuesday and Wednesday. A committee of seventeen gentlemen was appointed "to consider the political condition of Nova Scotia, and report to the Convention what steps in their judgment were most advisable, in the present crisis of our affairs."

The Committee included all the members of the Local Government, viz: Honbls. W. Anand, M. I. Wilkins, W. B. Vail, R. Robertson, R. A. McHaffy, J. C. Troop, E. P. Flynn, J. Ferguson and James Cochran; the following Members of the Dominion Parliament:—the Hon. Mr. Howe, Messrs. Killam, McLellan, H. McDonald, and W. H. Chipman; Honbls. M. B. Almon and W. J. Stairs of the Legislative Council; and H. W. Smith, Esq., member of the late Delegation to England. The Committee called Hon. Mr. Howe to the Chair, and H. W. Smith, Esq., M. P. P., to be its Secretary.

The following is the account given in the *Morning Chronicle* of what was done by the Committee.

"The Committee of the Provincial Convention which has been in session for the last two days, reported last evening to the Convention. The members of the Dominion Government, now in this city, viz: Sir John A. McDonald, Sir Geo. E. Cartier, Hon. Peter Mitchell, and Hon. E. Kenny, were before the Committee, but had nothing to propose. They came down, it appears simply to enquire into the causes and extent of the existing discontent in Nova Scotia, but without any direct or immediate authority to remove any of our grievances. After a full report from the Hon. Joseph Howe of the labors of the Committee, the business of the convention was closed by the unanimous adoption of the following Resolution:—

Whereas this Convention have fully considered the reply of the British Government to the address of the representatives of the people of Nova Scotia to Her Majesty the Queen, praying for a repeal of the Act uniting Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and the course which it is expedient to pursue in the present crisis of the public affairs of this Province;

Be it therefore resolved, It is the opinion of this Convention that it is necessary to use every further lawful and constitutional means to extricate the people of Nova Scotia from a Confederation that has been forced upon them without their consent and against their will.

The *Halifax Citizen* remarks in reference to this:

"Under this resolution, we presume, the House of Assembly and Provincial government will now proceed to such action as may be "lawful and constitutional." They probably will not

consider themselves at liberty to pass an ordinance of secession, or to take steps towards annexation, or to do any other thing not strictly within the law."

It is likely therefore that the local Legislature will now proceed with the legislative business of the Session.

APPEALS from Presbyterian Church Courts to the Synod do not always afford satisfaction to the members of that communion. The *St. John Colonial Presbyterian* says in reference to the action of Synod in the case of the congregation of St. Stephen:

"Supposing that the congregation of St. Stephen has done wrong, this, we apprehend, is not the proper means of reaching that wrong. The local Presbytery is the body which ought to deal with it in the first instance; it should not be pounced upon by a side-wind. The course adopted is not calculated to increase the respect which one would like, if possible, to entertain for ecclesiastical tribunals."

In this case, supposing injustice has been done by the Synod, to whom then can the congregation appeal? They are in no better—but rather a worse—position than the Independent Churches.

General Intelligence.

Province of Nova Scotia.

THE FIREMEN'S CENTENARY was celebrated on Saturday last the bells of all the Engine houses rang out at 6 o'clock.

The *Union Protection Company* met in the morning and went in procession to the Cemetery where the corner-stone of the Company's monument in commemoration of their departed members was laid. A box containing the photographs of the members, and a collection of coins, &c., were placed beneath it. The Hon S. L. Shannon then delivered an address tracing the history of the Company from its formation, and reading some interesting extracts from its early records. This over, the procession again formed formation, and reading some interesting extracts from its and marched across the common through the principal streets and back to their Hall.

The illumination and decoration of the Company's hall in the evening reflected the highest credit upon the members. At each side were representations of marble columns bearing the inscription "We are united together for the public good." In front of the second floor the Nova Scotia arms and a banner of the company were placed. Above these the mottoes "Ever Ready," and "Quis Separabit" (who shall separate us?) In front of the upper floor were the British arms and over it an arch the words "One Hundred Years old this day."

The Picnic on McNabs Island was postponed until Monday in consequence of the rain in the morning.

The streets were thronged with people admiring the decorations.

The *Union Engine Company* formed in procession at one o'clock, and with the engines and hose-reels magnificently decorated assembled on the Parade and read an address to the acting Mayor of this City to which an appropriate reply was given. After marching through several of the streets they returned to the Parade and were inspected by His Excellency General Doyle, Sir J. A. McDonald, Sir Geo. Cartier and a number of other gentlemen and ladies. In the evening the engine houses were handsomely illuminated and various other transparencies mottoes were displayed. The handsome appearance of the men and the taste displayed in the whole affair reflects the greatest credit on all concerned.

HALIFAX IN JULY.—The maximum of heat was 87.4°, minimum 45.9°. The mean temperature was 66.53°. Rain fell for 29½ hours, to the depth of 1.02 inches. 21 days were dry.

HALIFAX CITY VALUATION.—The following figures represent the valuation of Halifax city, as taken by the Assessors during the past two months:—

1866.—Real and Personal Property.	\$15,605,770.
1867.—" " "	16,240,000.
1868.—" " "	16,794,500.

The valuation of personal property—that is, merchandise—has decreased nearly \$400,000 since last year, so that it will be perceived from the figures that Real Estate has increased nearly \$1,000,000 within the same period.—*Recorder.*

BAD ACCIDENT.—On Thursday forenoon a soldier of the 47th Regt., while attending a steam engine at "York Redoubt," got entangled in the machinery and was badly mutilated. He was brought up to the Naval Hospital, and yesterday had his right hand and left foot amputated by Dr. Hudson of the 47th Regt.

A SHARK.—Ed. Mosley, Esq., (Mason), states that he picked up a young man named Ferguson, from the bottom of a whaler on Friday afternoon, in the harbour opposite the Dock Yard, and in a few minutes afterwards a large Shark made his appearance a few yards from the spot.

THE WEATHER.—The close damp weather of the past week has been much against the hay-making operations. We have heard of some that has been lying on the ground for a week just as it was cut. We fear that potatoes will suffer from the effects of the weather. We have heard of the blight appearing in some localities near the city.

THE PRESENTATION of the CHAMPION'S BELT took place on Saturday last in the Legislative Council Chamber. General Doyle, Sir John A. McDonald, Sir Geo. E. Cartier, and a numerous assemblage of ladies and gentlemen were present. Chief Justice Young on behalf of Mrs. Young read the following address to the Champion:—

MR. BROWN.—On behalf of the Royal Halifax Yacht Club, I have sincere pleasure in presenting you with this splendid belt, as Champion of the harbor, evinced by your exertions in five successive triumphs, and which will be retained I trust in your family as a noble and perpetual heirloom.

After which Mrs. Young buckled the belt—a band of blue velvet handsomely worked in silver—on the Champion, and presented him with the purse he had won. The belt was closely inspected and much admired by the visitors present. At the request of the Acting Mayor, Alderman Dunbar, the Chief Justice then made some very appropriate remarks.

HALIFAX is having large demands this summer upon its accommodation for visitors. The Hotels and Boarding houses are insufficient to meet the demands.

The Government steamer *Druid* returned on Wednesday evening from a cruise along the coast, whither she had gone to supply the Light Houses.

PAPER.—Manufactories are being talked of for this article for home consumption. A proposal is out for establishing a manufactory on a large scale at Riversdale a few miles from Truro.

Mr. Kissock is purposing to make additions to his establishment at Bedford to enable him to manufacture news paper there. He has long been engaged in making the commoner kinds of wrapping paper.

"The Repeal Agitation; and What is to come of it?" is the title of a pamphlet just published by P. S. Hamilton. It gives the history of Confederation and shows that in all the movements towards Union, Nova Scotia has taken the initiative, and concludes, in reply to the question in his title, that it will be better to "be at peace so that we may enjoy prosperity."

ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY.—The *Berwick Star* of last week said:—"We learn that four flat cars have arrived at Kentville. An Engine is expected on Friday next."

NAVAL BRIGADE INSPECTION.—The first division of the Naval Brigade, under command of Capt. Pitts, were inspected in gunnery and and sabre exercise, at the battery in Dartmouth, on Wednesday afternoon, in presence of Captain Carpenter of Flag-Ship *Royal Alfred*, and Colonels Sinclair and Milson. His Excellency the Vice-Admiral, was unable, through indisposition to attend. The men looked very well, and went through the various movements in a creditable manner.—*Reporter.*

DARTMOUTH.—The building on the Dartmouth Common, used as a battery by the Naval Brigade, is to be enlarged to afford more accommodation for drilling.

The great discovery of the age is *Grace's Salve*; well may the sage, And e'en the poet, try to tell The cures it hath performed so well.

The strongest drugs known are used in the composition of Blood's Rheumatic Compound, and it is believed to be as good panacea for pain as there is in the world.

A FACT WORTH KNOWING.—Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders given occasionally to sheep and cattle, are of incalculable advantage.

MACCAN.—On Friday evening last, at about seven o'clock, the dwelling-house of Jephtha Elderkin, Esq., Little Fork, Maccan, was struck by lightning, which descended a chimney, shattering some of the brickwork and slightly splintering the floor. A girl living in the house received a shock, but without serious effects.—*Amerst Gazette.*

A strawberry six and a quarter inches in circumference was recently gathered from a garden in North Sydney.

GOLD.—We learn from the *Express* that new gold discoveries are reported in different localities in the Province. A gentleman from Ecum Secum last evening reports very favorably of the diggings at that place. A crusher has been sent there from the city, and in a few days we will know the result of its working, and the quality of the quartz turned out.

PRINCE ALFRED COMING.—It is expected that the *Royal Alfred*, bearing the flag of Vice Admiral Sir Rodney Munday, will sail from this port on the 17th September for Quebec, and after a short stay there will return to Halifax, and remain one month. At the expiration of the time named, the flag ship will sail from here for Bermuda to await the arrival of His Royal Highness Prince Alfred in his ship, the *Galatea*.

At the annual meeting of the N. S. Medical Society held at Pictou on the 21st ult., the following resolution was moved by Dr. McLean, of Colchester, seconded by Dr. MacDonald, of Hopewell, and carried unanimously:—*Whereas*, The Medical School, lately established in Halifax, does not meet with the approbation of this Society. *Resolved*, That this Society has no connection with, and does not recognize the School of Medicine of Dalhousie College.

The next annual meeting of the Society is to be held at Windsor on the third Tuesday of July, 1869.

BRIDGEWATER.—The *Bridgewater Times* says that an admirable fish way has been constructed in Davidson's mill dam; so that if this favorite fish in future fails to pay us an annual visit, no blame can be attributed to the enterprising proprietor of the Mills.

Marriages.

At the Baptist Parsonage, Port Medway, July 15th, by Rev. J. F. Tooker, Mr. Samuel T. Bent, of Mill Village, to Miss Roselia Munro, of Charleston. At St. Mary's Bay, June 18th, 1868, by Rev. L. B. Gates, Mr. Jesse Zigler, to Miss Sarah A. Bacon. By the same, at the same place, Aug. 2nd, 1868, Mr. Jeremiah Smith, to Miss Sarah Ann Dunbar. At Lakeville, July 28th, by Rev. James Parker, Mr. Joseph H. Kinsman of Boston, to Miss Ellen A., daughter of Mr. Russel Chesley. At Brookville, July 28th, 1868, by the Rev. Jas. L. Read, Mr. Richard Sutton Armstrong, to Charlotte Sophia Bolser, both of Cornwallis. On the 30th ult., by the Rev. J. Elliott, Salem Church, Mr. William Rhind, to Miss Eliza McLeod Gould, both of Musquodoboit. On the 15th ult., by the Rev. Wm. Ross, assisted by the Rev. J. McKinnon, Mr. Donald McDonald, to Miss Catherine McSween.

Deaths.

At Halfway River, Parrsboro, July 1st, 1868, John Jeffers, aged 71 years. (*Wesleyan* please copy.) On Friday evening, after one week's illness, Caroline McColl, second daughter of Caroline and Rev. P. G. McGregor, aged 14 years. On the 9th Inst., Alex., eldest son of the late Geo. Jamieson, Architect, of Banfshire, Scotland, aged 69 years.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, August 4.—If I M Destrees, Com. Deverannes, Newport, R I; brig America, Doody, Boston; brig E Bigelow, Wilson, Barbadoes; Jane Bell, Kelly, New York; schrs Annie Leahy, Dixon, Boston; Bonetta, Dexter, Liverpool, N S; Enterprise, Glace Bay; Emma, Muggah, Sydney. Wednesday, 5.—No arrivals from sea. Thursday, 6.—R M S Delta, Shaw, Bermuda and St Thomas; brig Fawn, Doat, Demerara; brig Emily Jane, Roach, Cienfuegos; John Boyd, Sprague, London; Persia, Pendergast, Sydney; Delta, West, Boston; schrs M E Purney, Nfld; Alex McLeod, Heison, Boston; Elvinta, McDonald, Cow Bay; Martha, Crowell, Newfoundland; Conservative, Farrell, Little Glace Bay; Eliza, Joyce, Sydney; Eliza, Hooper, Glace Bay. Friday, 7.—Schrs Matilda Ann, Cape Breton; Nellie May, Western Banks; Juliet, Simpson, St John, N B; Highlander, Cape Breton; John Tilton, Bay Chaleur; Delegate, Newfoundland; Adelaide, Sydney; J M Hire, Sheet Harbour; Emma, do. Saturday, 8.—Brigs Arthur, Ashwood, Montreal; Tiber, Keating, Liverpool, G B; schrs Henrietta, Shaw, Bay St George, Nfld; Wild Brier, McDonald, Gloucester, Mass; Henrietta, Bondrot, Sydney. Sunday, 9.—Steamer Alhambra, Nickerson, Charlottetown; R M S City of Durhan, Jamieson, St John's, Nfld; ship Jovem, Thomas, Heurix, Opporto; brig Ranger, Spence, Barbadoes; Regatta, Walsh, Boston; schrs John Norris, McConnell, Turk's Island; Water Lily, Farnsworth, St John, N B; Experiment, Cape Breton; Ida, Campbell, Sydney. Monday, 10.—Steamer Carlotta, Colby, Portland; Commerce, Doane, Boston; brig Jane, LeBlanc, New Carlisle; schrs Frank, McKinnon, Trinidad; Messenger, Young, Lunenburg; James, Sydney; W Kandick, Cow Bay.

Cleared.

Tuesday, August 4.—Steamer Carlotta, Colby, Portland; brig Queen of the West, Essex, Cadiz; schrs Annie Leahy, Leary, Sydney; P L G, Cruikshank, St Peters, C B; British Eagle, Sheridan, Labrador; Speed, Kenny, Barrington. Wednesday, 5.—Schrs Four Brothers, Muggah, Sydney, C B; Native, Crowser, Port Medway; W H Dow, Doane, Ragged Islands; ships Assam, Valley, New Orleans; Tasmania, Rundser, Richibucto. Thursday, 6.—Bark Forest Queen, Anderson, London; brig Maude, Potter, Shields; schrs Ocean Belle, McLeod, St Pierre, Miq; Gazelle, Swaine, Mahone Bay; Hariza, Neville, Port Medway; Mary Alice, Ritcey, Little Glace Bay; Princess Alice, Hartling, Canso; Foam, Gerrior, Sydney. Friday, 7.—Schrs Louisa, Garrison, Bay of Islands, Nfld; Thomas Bagley, Ellis, Yarmouth, N S; J R Kenney, Kenney, Labrador; Margaret, McDonald, Antigonish. Saturday, 8.—Steamer Alhambra, Nickerson, Boston; brigts Active, Jenkins, Richibucto; Jane Bell, Kelly, Sheburne; schrs Grand Master, Seaboyer, North Bay; Louisa, Chadsey, Ragged Islands; Arthur, Marvin, Townsend, Bay St George, Nfld. Monday, 10.—Steamer Commerce, Doane, Charlottetown; brig Myrtle, McMillan, Port Medway; schrs Ocean Belle, McCuish, Bay of Islands; Susan, McDonald, Louisbourg; Eliza, Joyce, Sydney; Libby Fulton, McLeod, Glace Bay; British Pearl, Hadley, Guysborough; Italia, Moar, Labrador.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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New Boarding House.

MRS. ELIZA DeWOLF, widow of the late James DeWolf, has taken part of the new Dwelling House owned by Charles Morse, Esq., situate on Main Street, in the town of Liverpool, where she has excellent accommodations for Permanent or Transient Boarders.

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