

The name is said to be derived from the sound of the cocking of a rifle, and is intended to convey the idea of shooting at sight. They have already become notorious by the murder of some persons obnoxious to them:—

"On the 31st ult., shortly after midnight, a crowd of persons, estimated from 30 to 40 in number, went to the house of the Hon. G. W. Washburn, Columbus, Georgia, surrounded the building, broke open the doors and murdered him in his room. He received from 10 to 14 shots, three of them fatal. Five persons entered his room and did the murderous deed; the rest were in the yard and in other parts of the building. The crowd dispersed, and immediately after some policemen appeared on the scene in time to know nothing whatever about the affair. The house at which the deed was committed was in the principal street in the city. The assassins wore masks, and from their dress it is supposed that they belonged to the "better class of citizens." Partrick Haney, a loyal man, residing near Waverley, Tennessee, received warning from the "Klan" to leave the country. He paid no attention to the notice. Subsequently a large company of men, disguised and armed, dragged him out of his house about midnight, carried him to a creek about three miles distant, tied a rope round his neck, and dragged him up and down the creek, pulled out his hair and beard, kicked and whipped him, and left him lying insensible in the woods. He was found the following evening, by his wife, in a most horrible condition.

In most of the Southern cities the mysterious letters "K. K. K." are found on the walls, giving notices of meetings, &c. Placards have been posted on the doors of Union men containing the mystic letters and signs, with skulls, coffin, skeletons, cross bones and written sentences, breathing out most terrible threatenings. For some time the people of the United States treated the "Kux Klux Klan" as a huge joke, a mere scheme to frighten the ignorant and superstitious. Recent events have proved that the Klan is a reality, and not by any means a pleasant one."

It is not surprising that the Established Church in England meets with disfavor amongst conscientious christian people, when such things as the following—and specimens of the most unblushing Simony—are permitted to appear in the public prints. The London Guardian of a recent date contained the following advertisement:—

"For exchange, a Living, in a most picturesque locality, within easy reach of Hertford" "Population under 300. Income, £450 Good" "house, stabling, &c; beautiful pleasure-grounds, good kitchen garden. Railway in the parish. Climate very mild—a most desirable position for a delicate man, No dissenters in the parish." Address, &c., &c."

This has been made a subject of public discussion in the leading newspapers.

Notices, &c.

To our Agents and Subscribers.

Some changes will doubtless be necessary in the arrangement of the parcels of papers going to our Subscribers in many places. Our brethren have kindly aided us heretofore, in some cases, by taking charge of the parcels and distributing the papers to their owners. We shall be greatly obliged if they will consult with the Postmasters and Couriers concerned, and see what changes are necessary and inform us at their earliest convenience. We shall be glad to use every exertion to overcome the difficulties attendant on the recent change in Postal affairs.

The following extract from the P. O. "Regulations" will show that in case of persons commencing their subscription at other times than the dates mentioned below, they can either pay the post master the five cents for the quarter, or one cent for each paper.

"The commuted rate of payment cannot be accepted for new subscribers for any unexpired period of the quarter, but must be prepaid in advance, from the first day of the quarter, viz, from either the 1st January, 1st April, 1st July, or 1st October, and for a term not less than three months."

We shall be happy to reimburse our Agents for any expense they may incur on our behalf in the present emergency.

The Annapolis Co. Ministerial Conference

will meet at Hillsborough, on Tuesday morning the 5th of May. Preaching on the previous evening at 4 past 7 o'clock.

Ministers from Digby County and elsewhere are earnestly invited to attend. We expect our brethren will come in the fulness of the Spirit, and aid us in public services for the greater part of the week.

Hillsburg, April 16, 1868.

Donation Visits.

Mr. Editor,—Please allow me, through your columns, to acknowledge the kindness of my friends, shewn me at their Annual Donation visit; which came off on the 12th Feb. The amount presented me was \$135, of which \$100 was in cash. May God reward the donors.

Windsor. D. M. WELTON.

Mr. Editor,—It has become the custom (I think a good one,) in this part of the Province for ministers to receive and publish an acknowledgment of donations.

Permit me to express my gratitude to my friends, members of the church and congregation, who cheered our hearts with their presence and donations. They left with us in cash and useful articles \$84.44. May the Lord richly reward them.

Yours truly, W. G. PARKER.

Nic aux, April 6th, 1868.

We are sorry to learn that Rev. T. C. Delong met with an accident a few weeks since, by which he

broke two of his ribs. No danger was apprehended at first, but he has since been in quite a critical state. He is now staying with his daughter at Chester and is improving, and expects to be at St. Margarets Bay in a few days.

The following note just received by Bro. Beckwith will be read with interest:—

WOLFVILLE, April 15, 1868.

R. N. BECKWITH, Esq., Dear Sir,—Enclosed you will find a cheque for \$50, (fifty dollars), for Home Missions, from the Working Society of Wolfville Baptist Sabbath School.

This Society composed of the female teachers and girls of the school has met to work one afternoon each week since last October. The funds thus obtained, with the proceeds of a tea-meeting and Fancy sale, held last month, have amounted to \$100, which has been divide equally between Home and Foreign Missions.

On behalf of the Society, MAGGIE C. BARSS, Secretary.

R. N. BECKWITH, Esq., Secretary for Home Missions.

Letters Received.

Rev. J. H. Murray, \$1.00. G. V. Rand, Rev. W. G. Parker. W. H. Rogers. E. Chute, \$2. J. C. Anderson, Esq. J. P. Saunders, Esq. I. Thurber, Esq., \$5, balance sent. Rev. T. H. Porter, Junr. Geo. Starratt.—All right, Paper sent as usual. A. Marshall, Esq.—Much obliged. A. E. Durland. Rev. J. E. Balcom.

General Intelligence.

Province of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX ITEMS.

Provincial Secretary's Office, APPOINTMENTS:

Digby Co.—To be Custos Rotulorum for the Township of Clare—Charlton Sabean, Esquire, in the place of Honble. Anselm Comeau, deceased; John S. M. Jones to be a Deputy Surveyor of Crown Lands; William B. Stewart to be Issuer of Marriage Licences, and Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Births and Deaths for the District of Digby.

Hants Co.—David Hamilton to be Registrar of Deeds in the place of W. Foster Parker, Esquire, resigned.

INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.—The Directors thankfully acknowledge the following subscriptions and donations since their last monthly announcement:

Mrs. Sprott, Musquodoboit, £1 0 0  
John Murray, Esq., Mabou, C. B., 1 5 0  
Captain Forbes, Pictou, 1 5 0  
W. Cunard, Esq., Halifax, 5 0 0  
Capt. Lyttleton, by Messrs. Muir & Blackadar, 2 0 0  
Sherbrooke Congregation, by Rev. J. Campbell, 3 0 0  
Miss Layton, Brunswick Street School, 1 5 0  
J. C. COCHRAN, Secretary.

HON. B. WIER.—The sad intelligence reached this city on Tuesday of the sudden death of Hon. B. Wier, at Ottawa, which took place at 9 1/2 that morning. No tidings had come of Mr. Wier's illness, and no one was prepared to expect the fatal news. His illness was of very short duration. He had just returned from a visit to Chicago, and felt unwell but was moving about, and no apprehension was felt till four or five hours before he died, of congestion of the lungs. He was 63 years of age and appeared to be in all the vigor of manhood. Mr. Wier's death causes a serious blank in the mercantile community.—As a member of the Provincial parliament and of two successive governments Mr. Wier stood high as a working and progressive public man. He was not a fluent speaker, but his views on questions of trade were always heard with respect. He was one of the Nova Scotian Senators in the Dominion Parliament.—Witness.

On Tuesday, as a sailor belonging to a vessel lying in the harbor, was handing a gun over the side of the vessel to a boy in a boat, the piece exploded, shattering the man's arm near the shoulder. The sufferer was conveyed to the poor's asylum, where amputation of the arm was found necessary.

WHOLESALE THIEVING.—A young woman named Susan Nogle, formerly of the Eastern Passage, but for some time past in the employment of Messrs. Avery, Brown & Co., putting up spices in their store on Connor's wharf, was arrested on Wednesday last, charged with stealing a large number of articles, consisting of dry goods, wearing apparel, boots and shoes, hearth rugs, spices, &c., from the stores of Messrs. Bauld, Westmore & McCulloch, Beckwith, B. A. Smith, D. Murray & Co., Woolrich, Shaw & Murphy, Chipman, Meagher, Rickards, Yates, Knox & Jordan, Grant, Romans & Co., Vaux Bros., P. Power & Co., J. B. Elliott & Co., Connolly & Kelly, Smith Bros., Geo. Alexander, Thompson & Co., Robert Taylor, C. E. Brown. It is supposed that she visited the stores early in the morning, before many of the employers were about, and made small purchases, in some instances returning to the same store to effect an exchange in the articles she had purchased, and while the clerk would be engaged in putting up her purchase, she by some means or other succeeded in purloining the goods. The accused is a respectable looking young woman, and is committed for trial. The stolen goods were found in the store on Connor's wharf in which she worked, and a portion of them at her boarding house, in Bayer Street.

The drivers of the CITY HORSE RAIL CARS and those of Mr. Fishwick's express waggons in contending for their rights on the streets have had two or three skirmishes recently, and have had each to appeal to the City Courts.

ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.—A proclamation has been issued by his Excellency Colonel J. H. Franklyn, C. B., declaring that as the provisions of the first section of the Statute of the 30th Victoria, Chapter 50 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Halifax Asylum for the Blind" have been complied with, the said Act is now in operation according to the intent and meaning of the first section of the Act, and the proclamation orders that the first election of Managers and officers of the Company shall take place at the City Council Chamber in Halifax, on Monday, the 27th of April, at 12 o'clock, noon.

A TEMPERANCE MEETING was held in Temperance Hall on Thursday last called by societies formed in connection with some of the religious bodies in the city. The Bands of Hope occupied the gallery and sung several of their beautiful Odes. W. C. Silver, Esq., presided. The speakers were Rev. Mr. Almon, (Episcopal); Rev. W. Maxwell, (Presbyterian); Rev. J. S. Rogers, (Wesleyan); Rev. J. Forrest, (Presbyterian); Rev. E. M. Saunders, (Baptist.) The meeting was very large and the speeches were well received.

POSTAGE STAMPS of the new style will be exchanged for those of the old issue at the Post Office between 11 and 12 o'clock, A. M.

STOCK SALES.—A considerable quantity of stock was disposed of on Friday; at the sale by J. D. Nash for W. Myers Gray. The following prices were realized—3 shares in the Union Bank at £51.75; 35 do. Acadian Fire Company at \$20.25; 20 do. Halifax Fire Insurance Co. at \$39; \$400 City Water debentures at \$401; 1 \$500 school debenture at \$495; 15 Union Marine Insurance Company at \$80.25; 25 do N. S. Telegraph Company at \$12.25 each; 5 do Truro Boot and Shoe Factory at \$20.25; 2 do Skating Rink \$42 each. Shares in the Nova Scotia Marine Insurance Company were put up the price asked being \$161, but as only \$14 was offered, no sale was effected.

WINDSOR.—The plaster trade appears to be reviving. Nine vessels cleared from this place with cargoes of that commodity during the past week.

TRURO.—A very destructive fire occurred here Monday morning about 2 o'clock. The buildings destroyed belonged to Melhenny & Little, as a Paint Shop and Carriage factory, and two or three others occupied by colored people. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY.—The dwelling house, furniture, and effects, barn, and outhouses, of Mr. Jotham O'Brien were entirely destroyed by fire on Saturday last. We hear that it was partially insured.

LIGHTHOUSES.—A despatch to the Chronicle on Thursday last, says:—"The Committee on Fisheries and Navigation laws have agreed to recommend the building of a lighthouse at Bird Island in the passage between Cape Breton and Newfoundland, and one at Ingoulshe, Victoria County, C. B."

RAILWAY OPERATIONS.—The Bridgetown Free Press says: "Much of the grading of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway has been done. Culverts are being prepared—sleepers along almost the whole length of the line, are on the spot ready to be laid—and the work, we learn, will be still more vigorously carried on as the spring more fully opens. The work of bridging the river near this Town has already been commenced. It is to be constructed on piles, driven deep into the bed of the stream. The bridge across the Avon at Windsor is also to be finished during the ensuing summer. It will be a noble structure, built of stone."

PORT MEDWAY.—We regret to learn that the Episcopal Church at Port Medway, and Mrs. Charles Coboon's house adjoining, were totally destroyed by fire on the 9th inst. The Baptist Church took fire, but was saved through the exertions of the people.

MILTON, QUEENS CO.—A sad and fatal accident occurred here on Wednesday last. The eldest son of Mr. Abner Harlow, a young man about 21 years of age, was standing at a short distance from a circular saw whilst it was in full operation, a large splinter of not less than nine inches long was with great velocity driven through his eye to the back part of his head. Medical aid was speedily obtained. Doctors Farrish and Frazer after great exertion succeeded in drawing the strip of wood out. They found that point of the strip that entered the eye, had struck the skull with such force that it was bent and broomed up, and had portions of the brain ad hering to it. The young man lived but about four hours from the time the sad accident occurred.

Marriages.

On the 10th April, at the residence of John Doull, Esq., North West Arm, by the Rev. Geo. M. Grant, Alexander K. Doull, to Mary H. Campbell.

On Wednesday, 15th inst., by the Rev. J. C. Cochran, Benjamin J. Fielding, to Emma, third daughter of Mr. James Riches.

On the 14th inst., by the Rev. E. M. Saunders, C. H. Fairweather, Esq., of St. John, N. B., to Lucilla, second daughter of the late Z. S. Hall, Esq., of Halifax, N. S.

At the Baptist Parsonage, Windsor, Feb. 19th, by Rev. D. M. Welton, Mr. John Aker, of Falmouth, to Mrs. Alice Goudy, of Yarmouth.

On the 14th inst. at the residence of the Hon. Joseph Howe, Dartmouth, by the Rev. Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Samuel Snow, of Prince Edward Island, to Miss Jessie J. Ferguson, of Louisburg, C. B.

At Paradise, on the 22nd October 1867, by the Rev. N. Vidito, E. N. Bentley, of Stewiacke, to Mary Ann, youngest daughter of the late Henry Dagwell, of Halifax.

Deaths.

At Ottawa, on Tuesday morning, 14th April, of congestion of the lungs, Hon. Benjamin Wier, Senator, in the 63rd year of his age.

On Tuesday, the 14th inst., at Chester, Isabel Fader, aged 22 years, daughter of Christian and Maria Fader.

At Portobello, on the 15th inst., Mrs. Catherine Marshall, in the 55th year of her age.

At Great Village, on Thursday morning, 9th inst., Mrs. Logan Mahon, daughter of Mr. Isaac Fulton, of Bass River, fell asleep in Jesus in the 24th year of her age. Presbyterian Witness please copy.

At San Francisco, California, Feb. 14th, suddenly of heart disease, Mr. Zachariah Spinney, aged 33 years, son of Samuel Spinney, Wilmot Annapolis Co. The deceased enlisted, in the late American war and was engaged in three battles.

On the 6th April, at Westfield, Queens' Co., George, fourth son of the late Capt. Joseph D. Dickson, in his 22nd year.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, April 14.—Barque Mary, (new) Cashon's Bridgewater; schrs Ida May, McPhee, Cienfuegos; A P Stimpson, Matthews, New York; Alma, Gates, Boston; J W Falt, Boston; Umpire, Hopkins, Barrington.

Wednesday, 15.—R M S Alpha, Hunter, Bermuda; schr Juliet, Simpson, St John, N. B.

Thursday, 16.—Schrs Messenger, Young, Lunenburg; Zilpha, Crowell, Barrington; Forest Lass, Wilson, Pubnico; Ariel, Corning, Port Gilbert; E Annie, Keating, Guysboro; Sarah H Cressy, (Am) Healey, Western Banks; Alhambra, (Am) Fitch, Western Banks.

Friday 17.—No arrivals.

Saturday, 18.—R M S Merin, Shaw, St Johns, Nfld; steamer Grecian, Glasgow; brigts Thomas Albert, Joyce, Porto Rico; Watchmate, Parker, Havana; Nazerene, Murphy, Portland; Mary, Fanning, Boston; schrs My Cousin, Wentzell, Porto Rico; Maggie, Reddy, New York; Rival, Smith, Live pool, N. S.

Monday 20.—Steamer Carlotta, Magune, Portland; Brigts Brooklyn, Gardner, Baltimore; Union, Lake, Barbadoes; Mary Lowell, Eastport; Schrs Mary Alice, McDonald, Boston; Arctic, Stanwood, Trinidad; Blue Jacker, Green, Philadelphia.

Cleared.

Tuesday, April 14.—Steamer Carlotta, Magune, Portland; schr Glad Tidings, Wolf, Port Medway; yacht Message of Peace, Rioron, Nassau.

Wednesday, 15.—Schrs Lizzie, Stephans, Mayaguez, P R; Albatross, Snow, Trinidad.

Thursday, 16.—Schrs Matilda Hopewell, Ormiston, Gabarou-e; Mary Alice, Ritcey, Little Glace Bay; Uncle Tom, Duffett, LaHave; Flying Cloud, Cunningham, Antigonish; Laura Ann, Connolly, Magdalen Islands; Augusta Parker, Smith, Barrington; M E McLean, Hipson, Western Banks.

Friday, 17.—Schrs Josephine, Farrell, Trading Voyage; Forest Lass, Wilson, Fishing Voyage.

Saturday, 18.—Brigts Arthur, Ashwood, Kingston, Ja; Chebucto, Kennedy, B W Indies; schrs J L Vogler, Smith, Boston; Gazelle, Swaine, Porto Rico; Messenger, Young, Lunenburg; Elvanta, McDonald, Sydney; St Luce, Thibault, Glace Bay; Alma, Gates, Bridgewater; Lillian, Spinney, Fishing Voyage; Ida May, McKinnon, Fishing Voyage.

Monday, April 20.—Brig Express, Fudge, Aavana; schr Mervyn, Young, Ragged Islands.

For New Zealand.

THE Superior and Fast Sailing Brig EMULOUS, Capt. E. Cumming, belonging to the NEW ZEALAND COMPANY, will sail from Halifax for NEW ZEALAND in August next. For passage, &c., apply to

A. F. PORTER, Agent.

N. B.—The Company are fitting up the above ship in good style, with airy saloons and staterooms to accommodate passengers.

April 15. 4i.

Government House, Ottawa.

Thursday, 5th day of March, 1868.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

ON the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Customs, and under and in virtue of the authority given conferred by the Act passed during the present Session of the Legislature, entitled: "An Act respecting the Customs," His Excellency in Council has been pleased to make the following Regulation:—

WAREHOUSING PORTS

mentioned in the Act passed during the present Session of the Parliament of Canada, intitled, "An Act respecting the Customs;" and also in addition to the Ports named in a list sanctioned by an Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, of the 24th December, 1867, passed under the authority of the said Act, the following Ports be included in the List of Warehousing Ports in the Dominion, viz.:

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PORT OF GANANOQUE, NEWCASTLE.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PORT OF HORTON."

WM. H. LEE, Clerk Privy Council.

March 25. 3i.

MORE PROOF.

LEWISTON, MAINE, U. S., Jan. 1868.

MESSRS. ROGERS & Co.,

Dear Sirs,—This is to say that I was formerly troubled with an eruption on my face which troubled me for several years, it was not large, and it grew very slowly and defied all I could do, to remove it, till I used your Cancer and Scrofula Remedies which entirely removed it, and all those alarming sensations connected with it, so that it has not troubled me since, which is now some two years or more.

Wishing you much success,

I remain, truly yours, S. BOOTHBY,

Agent A. and F. Bible Society.

Feb. 19. 3m.