particular, have engaged our attention, and excited afresh our admiration of that beneficent system of Public Schools, which in a few short years, in fierce conflict with no ordinary amount of deep-rooted hostility, has done so much for the general enlightenment and elevation of our native Province. The men who projected and organized, together with those who are conducting this grand educational enterprise, can well afford to encounter any opposition to their noble efforts, and to smile at any depreciation of their inestimable services by the prejudiced and the penurious among their fellow-citizens, the number of whom, we gratefully record, is rapidly and delightfully diminishing year by year, as the system they deprecate wins its way to greater success, and practically demonstrates its vast superiority over the previous methods of school instruction. On the grand question of Free Schools Nova Scotia has fought the battle and won the victory, while New Brunswick, alas, has yet to wake up out of its deep slumber. Now and then a voice is lifted, as recently by His Excellency, the Governor, at the anniversary exercises of the Fredericton Seminary, calling in stirring accent for awakened energy and a forward movement in the work of common school education, and the appeal is vigorously applauded by a few in earnest sympathy with the question, but anon all is silent again, and we go trudging on "in the way our fathers trod." But this cannot endure, and, if we rightly interpret the signs of the times, it will not be endured by the more intelligent and benevolent sentiment of this Province. What we need first of all, and we must have, before we can hope for any change in our present stupid system of school instruction, are men for our Provincial Assembly, whose intellectual culture renders them capable of appreciating the necessity of legislation on the matter of Public Education, and whose moral courage is equal to the task of proposing and pushing forward measures for that end—men who are possessed of that nobility of nature that will make them ready to accept of any personal detriment, or political martyrdom, as a small price to pay for such an inestimable blessing as that of the free school system.

We shall hereafter note for our columns some of the details of Mr. Rand's Report, which is full of interesting facts and figures, with accompanying and practical suggestions relative to measures for still more signal success in the working of their admirable system.

FIRE.—On Wednesday morning last, about 2 o'clock, fire was discovered at the back of the premises occupied by Mr. John Hunter, Brass-founder, Hollis Street. The foundry was soon a mass of flame. The fire immediately took hold of the building almost adjoining in the rear—the *Christian Messenger* Printing Office.

We had returned from Truro on the previous evening, and were mercifully on hand to give the alarm, and to take the necessary measures for preserving our office from the confusion and destruction which seemed at first to be inevitable. Thanks to neighbours we were able to remove a good portion of type, &c., before it was injured.

Members of the Fire Department came to the rescue in a very short time, just when the fire had penetrated through the walls and reached the interior of our office. The abundant supply of water in Halifax was never more opportune. If a few minutes more had elapsed before bringing it to bear upon the fire, nothing could have saved us from the devouring element.

Our supply of paper was somewhat damaged, and a small quantity of type thrown into pi by the water and removing. If any of our readers should find their sheet discolored a little for a few weeks, they will please accept this as our apology. We had fears that we should be unable to furnish the whole of our readers with the last week's edition, but were thankful to find that fewer copies than we at first supposed had been destroyed.

Our compositors have been put to much inconvenience and their time occupied in putting the office to rights. This will cause a little delay in completing the Central Association Minutes, now nearly ready, and our new Hymn Book. Thanks to a merciful Providence, we have been able to make our appearance as usual without intermission.

This too has, we regret to say, caused some delay in the execution of orders recently received.

GRAND PRE SEMINARY, WOLFVILLE.—We are glad to learn that arrangements are being effected, whereby the above Institution will probably be re-opened, under favorable auspices. Communications and correspondence on the subject, may for the present be addressed to Miss M. R. Eaton, Grand Pre Seminary, Wolfville. A fuller announcement in reference to the matter may be expected shortly.

We have received a notice of a gross outrage committed on the 6th inst., upon a girl aged 15 years, at Kempt, Hants County. The writer has omitted giving us his name, we consequently do not feel warranted in mentioning the names and particulars of the case.

General Intelligence.

Province of Nova Scotia.

The Mic-mac steamer is now running between Halifax and Bedford on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

THE LOCKMAN STREET EXTENSION was before the City Council on Friday last. It appears that Admiral Mundy is unwilling to consent to the proposals of the City Council respecting the street passing through the Admiralty grounds. It is therefore resolved to proceed with the work to the boundaries, and there stop, with the hope that at some future time the difficulty may be overcome. Legal notice is to be served upon property holders requiring that their property be surrendered.

DROWNED.—Malcolm and Angus McDonald of Catalone were drowned recently in passing from Cow Bay C. B., to the island of Scatarie.

THE COAL TRADE.—The Pictou *Standard* is informed that there has been shipped this season by the General Mining Association, up to this time, about 32,000 tons of coal, being some 10,000 tons in excess of the quantity for the same period of last year.

The trade in coal from N. S., to Ontario is greatly increasing. A large number of vessels are regularly employed in carrying coals to Canada.

BRIDGEWATER.—The *Times* states that activity in business prevails in that section of the County of Lunenburg. Our contemporary says that the loafing and petty lawsuits for which Bridgewater has long been celebrated, have given place to a more healthy state of things, and now every man in the neighborhood seems to have enough work of the "right sort" to engage his attention. The barks *Blanche* and *Forest Queen* are loading lumber at Bridgewater for South America.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Saturday afternoon a carpenter named Alexander McKay, while working at McLeod's building on Hollis street, was seriously injured by falling from a ladder to the sidewalk.

THE FISHERIES.—The following is an order in Council recently passed respecting the Dominion Fisheries:—

"It is expedient to restrict the application of the 14th sub-section of section 13 of the Fisheries Act, which requires that the seines, nets, or other apparatus used for catching fish, shall be so raised or adapted as to admit the free passage of fish through, past, or out of the same, between the hours of 6 o'clock on every Saturday evening, to 6 o'clock on every following Monday morning, and it is desirable that such sub-section should in its application be confined to nets and other apparatus on which salmon may be caught. The following regulation has therefore been made: sub-section 14 of 13th section of the Fisheries Act shall, as affects the deep sea and coast fisheries in tidal waters, apply only to salmon, and the salmon fishery with nets and other apparatus, within a distance of 3 miles on either side of the mouth of each river or stream."

The office of the Railway Department is removed from Hollis Street to the Depot at Richmond.

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.—The Grand Lodge of British Templars was to meet at Lunenburg yesterday. The annual session of the Grand Temple, Independent Order of Good Templars, will be held at Amherst, on Tuesday, 20th. The quarterly session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance will be held at the same place on Tuesday, 27th.

FIRE AT MIDDLE RIVER.—We learn from the Pictou *Standard* that the mills owned by Messrs. Kerr, at the Middle River, were destroyed by fire on Sunday, the 4th inst. The establishment contained carding, fulling, and dyeing, and a grist mill, all of which were consumed. The fire was discovered about noon, and there is no clue to its origin. The loss is heavy and there is no insurance.

CHEESE FACTORY.—The Bridgetown *Free Press* gives a full and particular account of the establishment, on a large scale, of a factory at Beal's Brook, near Lawrencetown, for the manufacture of cheese. The milk is purchased *by weight*, from the farmers around every morning and evening. It is in the hands of a joint-stock company composed of the farmers residing in the neighbourhood. About $1200 is invested in the business, and it promises to be a profitable concern.

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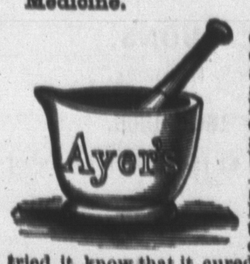

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