

year 1852, he "put on Christ" in baptism, and united himself with the Baptist Church at St. Peter's Road. Thenceforward he maintained a Christian course, steady, upright, consistent, and zealous.

Mr. Scott's latter years were somewhat clouded by mental disease, as well as by infirmities. A few days before his removal, however, his mind shone out with something of its wonted clearness, and he was happily enabled to crown his living testimony for Christ by a dying one. He recognized his approaching end, and spoke of himself as going home to be with his dear Saviour. On one occasion he made the emphatic avowal, "The ground of my hope is the Lord Jesus. I look to be saved through Him, and Him alone. And now I am going to be with Him in glory." Resting here, at length he breathed his last. Absent from the flesh, he is now present with the Lord. May all who knew and honored him live as he lived in his last and best years, and in due season rejoice in brighter worlds above!

J. D.

WM. SIDLEY, SEN.

Died at St. Andrew's, Lower Stewiacke, on the 12th inst., in the 76th year of his age. Our departed Brother was baptized and united with the Baptist Church in this place in 1851. In which he adorned his profession until death, laboring earnestly for the cause of Christ, and glorying in nothing, but the boundless love of God towards poor sinners. He has left a wife and 12 children, besides a large number of other relatives, and the church, to mourn his departure. But we need not mourn as those who have no hope, for we know that it is well with the righteous, for a voice from heaven has said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors."

Com. by Rev. J. Meadows, Stewiacke, March 14th, 1870.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger

Dear Brother,

BERWICK.—I have had the privilege of spending a few days with the Rev. E. O. Read at Berwick. The church has of late been greatly blessed. Christians have been revived and encouraged, and sinners converted to God. On Saturday last I attended a conference meeting at Cambridge, one section of the church, of a deeply interesting character. Eighteen willing converts were received as candidates for church-membership. On Sabbath afternoon a very large congregation assembled at the water, where the interest was enhanced by an aged man coming forward, telling his attachment to Jesus, and asking the privilege of following him in his ordinance. His request was complied with and the nineteen were baptized by the pastor, and after service in the meeting-house received the right hand of fellowship. The baptized are from fifteen to sixty years of age, several of whom are heads of families.

Bro. Read is greatly encouraged in his work and has reason to hope that many others in his extensive field of labor are inquiring the way to be saved. FRATER.

Horton, March 28th.

Several young men were seeking to disturb the congregation at the Garrison Chapel on Sunday evening. Two of them were given into custody of the police, one of them remained at the Station all night. The other was released, there being a doubt as to whether he was guilty. On Monday the guilty one named Wilkie, was fined \$10.

Rev. Mr. Campbell has been appointed assistant to Rev. G. M. Grant, pastor of St. Matthew's Church. There will be three services in St. Matthew's on the Sabbath in future.

Parliamentary.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

On TUESDAY, March 23rd, after some routine business and the presentation of several petitions, the Attorney General moved the second reading of his Judiciary Bill, which proposes to add two judges to the Supreme Court, their salaries to be paid by the Dominion Government. It passed the second reading.

A long discussion on Crown Lands and Railway extension arose, in which the representatives of eastern and western counties expressed severally their desire for railways in the direction of their constituencies.

On WEDNESDAY, Mr. Landers presented a petition from Annapolis County, praying that amendments may be made in the School law, for the purpose of abolishing the offices of Inspectors of Schools, and taking away the provincial grants to Academies.

Hon. Prov. Secretary introduced the following resolution:

Resolved.—That this House having heard with apprehension and alarm, that the Dominion Legislature contemplate as-imitating the currency of this Province to that of Canada, and that it is their duty to protest against a change that must result in great inconvenience and injury to the people we represent, and further to declare the opinion that pending the set-

tlement of an international currency between Great Britain and other powers, the unit of which will be similar to that of Nova Scotia, any assimilation of the currencies of the Provinces should be arranged on the basis of the system that has given such general satisfaction in Nova Scotia.

After several members had given expression to opinions on the subject, the house divided as follows:

Yeas.—Brown, Purdy, Freeman, Eisenhaur, Chambers, Balcom, Fergusson, Smith, Hugh McDonald, Morrison, Dickie, Cochran, Landers Hooper, White, Ross, Kidston, Murray, Northup Troop, Flynn, Wilkins, Vail, Kirk, Copeland, Young, Robertson, DesBrisay, Doucett, Johnston, 30.

Nays.—Townsend, Ryerson, Joseph McDonald, 3.

The Prov. Secretary's resolutions offering to afford assistance in the construction of railways to Yarmouth and Digby, or from New Glasgow eastward, were taken up and after debate the question was taken; the votes standing as follows:

For.—Freeman, Dickey, Smith, H. McDonald, Fergusson, Purdy, Landers, Cochran, Ryerson, Hooper, Campbell, Ross, Morrison, Northup, Troop, Flynn, Murray, White, Copeland, J. McDonald, Vail, Kirk, Wilkins, Young, Townsend, Balcom, D. McDonald, Doucette, Johnston, and Eisenhaur. Against.—Chambers, Kidston and DesBrisay.

Dr. Brown brought in a resolution stating that in the present state of the province it would be unwise to take any steps for the construction of railways that would make any demands on the provincial treasury. On division the names stood as above but reversed with the exception of Dr. Brown.

For.—Chambers, Kidston, DesBrisay, Dr. Brown. Against.—Townsend, Freeman, Flynn, H. McDonald, Smith, Murray, Ross, Copeland, White, J. McDonald, Fergusson, Kirk, Cochran, Vail, Hooper, Wilkins, Troop, Morrison, Ryerson, Landers, Robertson, Doucett, Johnston, Northup, Purdy, Eisenhaur.

Mr. Dickie gave notice that he would on Friday, move a resolution respecting Reciprocal trade with the U. States. He laid the resolution on the table.

On the following day (Thursday) Mr. Dickie made a slight alteration in his resolution by which it read as follows:

Resolved, As the deliberate opinion of this House, that it is both sound policy and in the true interest of the people of this Province, to cultivate the most friendly commercial intercourse with the United States; that the tendency of a hostile retaliatory policy, instead of hastening is calculated to retard the opening of the American markets to the natural productions of this country; and that it is clearly the duty of the authorities—Imperial and Dominion—to use all legitimate means in their power to secure a new Reciprocity Treaty, or to provide, by reciprocal legislation, for the interchange of the natural productions of the Provinces, and those of the United States, free of duty, or upon such liberal terms as may be found fair and just to all parties concerned.

The House went into committee on the Judges Bill. After some slight alterations, it passed and was sent to the Legislative Council.

Mr. Kidston brought forward his resolution for an Address to Her Majesty praying her to abolish the Legislative Council after the 1st day of January next.

Mr. J. McDonald seconded the motion. Mr. Ryerson moved an amendment, That an address be presented to Her Majesty, praying her to make the Legislative Council elective, each county having one member, and the city of Halifax one.

Mr. Townsend seconded the motion.

On FRIDAY, Hon Mr. Troop presented a petition from Annapolis praying for the passage of an Act to authorize the sale of certain lands now in dispute amongst, two or more religious denominations. The petition was referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Murray, Chambers, DesBrisay, Northup and Doucette.

Mr. Purdy presented a petition from Cumberland praying for a grant of money to build a bridge over the Wallace River.

Hon Provincial Secretary laid on the table the annual report of the Commissioners of the Provincial and City Hospital and Poor's Asylum.

The debate on the Resolution respecting the Legislative Council was resumed.

Mr. Smith moved in amendment, That whereas at the election in 1867, the people declared against any change in the constitution of the province, without an appeal to the country: Therefore it is not advisable to abolish the Council or make it elective without consulting the electors.

Mr. Purdy seconded the resolution. Mr. Ryerson withdrew his amendment.

After discussion, Mr. Smith's resolution was agreed to by the following vote:

For.—Prov. Sec. Atty. Gen. and Messrs. Townsend, Dickey, Purdy, Freeman, Ryerson, H. McDonald, Smith, White, Cochran, Pineo, Northup, Morrison, Hooper, Flynn, Troop, Copeland, Robertson, Johnston, Young, DesBrisay, Balcom, 23.

Against.—Messrs. Fergusson, Chambers, Brown, Landers, Ross, Kidston, Murray, Campbell, J. McDonald, Kirk, 10.

On MONDAY last a number of bills were read and sent to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Several petitions were presented and Local Bills read.

The House in committee on Bills took up Mr. Morrison's Bill providing for the Election of members of the assembly to be by Ballot.

Mr. Purdy moved that the bill be deferred for a few days that it might be printed; which was voted down by 21 to 5. It was then discussed and agreed to clause by clause, by a vote of 21 to 7. Mr. White gave notice that when it came before the House for its third reading he would move

against its adoption; as he believed impossible to carry it out in detail.

In the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL the Hon. Mr. Croelman has introduced a series of resolutions in relation to the dismissal of Mr. Rand and the appointment of the Rev. A. S. Hunt to the office of Superintendent of Education.

Dominion and Foreign News.

The Bill providing for taking the Census next year, is before the House of Commons.

The gross revenue of the Dominion for February, is \$967,095; and the expenditure, \$879,251.

The Deposits in the P. O. Savings' Bank, \$111,222—withdrawn, \$50,080.

A Proclamation in the Gazette of Saturday, warns Dominion subjects to observe neutrality respecting the Cuban insurrection.

It is reported, on authority, that the Bill of last Session, giving the Government power to deal with the North West Territory, will be extended for another year, by an Act of this Session; and it will provide that regulations made by the government will have the force of law. Nothing further is likely to be done in the matter this Session.

In the Senate on Thursday last, the Bill in reference to Masters' and Mates' certificates, was under consideration. The Hon. Mr. Mitchell, in reply to an enquiry from a member, stated that he had introduced amendments to the effect that examinations should be included in the several provinces for persons who had been domiciled for three years in the Dominion. Three Examiners will be appointed at Quebec, Halifax, and St. John, N. B. The amendment introduced also states that ships leaving one part of the Dominion for another, or for American Colonial ports, or for United States ports, are to be exempted from the requirements of the Act.

March 28.—Intelligence has reached here that a Canadian, named Scott, who had been patrolled by Riel's party, was afterward found in arms and shot on the 6th inst., at Fort Garry. Another similar case is reported.

A snow storm of unusual severity raged yesterday. Roads are blocked up and trains delayed.

MONTREAL.—A new water works engine is to be erected, with a capacity to pump four million gallons per 24 hours, and to cost \$33,650.

A Quebec despatch says a robbery of silver, in charge of the Post Office authorities, was committed on the train between Quebec and River DuLoup.—Chron.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—Contracts for cars were awarded last week by Commissioners whose report will be submitted to Privy Council. Contracts for Box cars were divided between Hamilton & Son, Toronto; Gough & Turner of Chatham, N. B.; Field & Co. of Dorchester, N. B. Contracts for Platform cars divided between Glendenning of Montreal, and Livesey of Nova Scotia.

Contracts for Locomotives not yet decided.

New Brunswick.

St. JOHN.—Another earthquake shock was felt in Carleton, in the City proper, in Portland, in Fredericton and elsewhere early on Tuesday morning of the 18th inst. At the same time a rumbling noise was heard by the people living at Sand Point as like the rumbling of a boat hauled over the stones of the beach, and strange to say, soon after it was found that a large portion of the beach between the old ferry landing at Sand Point and Coram's wharf had sunk down, the face of the remaining portion standing up almost perpendicularly, rising over twenty feet from low water where formerly there was a sloping shore. The result is that the old ferry wharf where the boat used to land passengers at low water, is now more than twenty feet below the lowest tide level, thus showing that the shore did not "cave" out into the harbor, but that it actually sunk down, adding largely to the depth of the water, and showing that some extraordinary influence was at work. A large portion of Coram's wharf was carried away, and also the corner of Littlehale's wharf, and some lumber belonging to Messrs. Scammell Bros. How far the sunken area extends into the harbor can only be ascertained by actual experiment, but it is a singular fact that Adams' lower buoy moored over one hundred yards from the shore, and with sufficient chain to float it at the highest tide, also sunk, and is now only observable at low water. This would show a subsidence of at least thirty feet in this spot.

What connection this strange phenomenon had with the earthquake shock no one can divine; but the probability is, that the sinking process was in some mysterious way the result of subterraneous convulsions, which might have occasioned also the tremendous motion of the earth so manifest at different points.—Visitor.

A DISASTROUS FIRE.—On Thursday night the extensive saw-mills at Lancaster, near St. John, owned by Lewis Rivers, Esq., together with two dwelling houses were destroyed by fire. By this disaster upwards of one hundred men will be thrown out of employment. Mr. Rivers' loss is estimated at \$50,000.

The difficulty between the Government and the Legislative Council is as complicated as ever. The Upper House holds firm to its position, while the Government have intimated that they recognise Mr. Bliss and not Mr. Botsford, as the Clerk of the Council. The Council has reaffirmed their position by a fresh set of resolutions. It is said that the Council will have no communications with the Government, will not give up the bills, will adjourn should the Government come down to give his assent, and will in no way give in until the Government recognise

Mr. Botsford. For two or three days mutterings of dissolution have been heard, and it has been said that the Government are not averse to a dissolution, as in that way they would get out of the difficulty of the School Bill.—Head Quarters.

Both branches of the New Brunswick Legislature have agreed to a bill abolishing the Royalty on Coal for five years.

A LARGE SEAL.—The Moncton Times reports the capture, in the Petitcodiac, of a seal, 7 ft. 5 long, 6 ft. in girth, weighing 492 lbs., and estimated to yield nearly 20 gallons of oil.

NEW HOTEL.—Application was been made to the Legislature for an Act to incorporate the "Victoria Hotel Company." The proposed capital is \$90,000. Site selected: corner Duke and Germain Streets, St John.

Prince Edward Island.

Mr. John Deagle died at Low Point, Rolló Bay, on the 5th inst., in his 102nd year. He was born on the island and supposed to have been the oldest native.

The financial returns of the past year show a surplus of £4,000.

The United States.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The City of St. Domingo voted 1000 to 9 in favor of annexation to the United States. After the election the American flag was carried in triumph through the streets.

Three boys were killed, and two men wounded, by the explosion of steam boiler on the 23rd, at a colliery in Schuylkill, Pennsylvania.

J. P. Baily, Internal Revenue Collector of New York, has disappeared, and it is alleged, is a defaulter to the amount of \$100,000.

The English Consul at Portland has been instructed by the Home Government to thank the citizens of that place for their courtesies to the officers of the "Monarch."

March 28.—A severe gale raged here yesterday, unroofing many houses, and doing other damage. A man with his wife and three children were killed by a falling wall.

TWO NOVA SCOTIA LADIES INJURED.—A serious accident occurred last week on the Erie Railway six miles east of New York. A portion of the passenger train going east was thrown off the track, and the baggage man killed. Almost immediately after the accident, the Cincinnati express going east, ran into that portion of the disabled train which was lying on the track used by the eastward bound train. By this collision, two young ladies, daughters of the Rev. Mr. Eaton of Nova Scotia, were seriously injured.

Two men in Virginia, recently mounted on one horse, were thrown against a post, and both were instantly killed.

An individual in Massachusetts was fined \$10 and costs for not providing sufficient food for his cow.

IRON-CLAD MISSING.—About the first of December last the American iron-clad Atalanta left Philadelphia for Port au Prince. She had been purchased by the then existing Salnavé government of Hayti, and was officered by young men, nearly all of whom had formerly belonged to the United States navy. She had two Haytian Senators on board, the wife of the commanding officer, and a crew of over a hundred men recruited in Philadelphia, making in all one hundred and twenty souls. Since the day she steamed down the Delaware to the ocean on her voyage to the West Indies nothing has been received from any one on board.

HAYTI.—Present indications are that the United States Senate will defeat the proposed annexation of San Domingo.

A Hayti letter states that the revolutionists are arranging a capitulation, and all hostilities have ceased.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND, London, March 23, Mr. Gladstone has carried through the House on its second reading, the Bill for the suppression of disorder in Ireland.

A Bill permitting dissenters to be buried in Church burial grounds was carried through after strong opposition.

March 23.—The London commercial journals comment on the excessive imports of American wheat and flour during the past year. Statistics show that the receipts of wheat from the United States this year aggregate 3,500,000 quarters more than those of any previous year.

It is said John Bright will undertake to secure the restoration of Gibraltar to Spain.

The testimony given by the officers of the "Bombay" before the Court of Investigation at Yokohama, has been received here. It goes to show that no one in the "Bombay" was aware of the condition of the "Onaida," while there was alarm for that of the "Bombay," and it was deemed necessary to make for shoal water with all speed.

March 24.—The cable from Aden, Arabia, through the Red Sea to Suez, has been successfully laid, thus completing a direct submarine line from Bombay to Suez.

Advices from Sydney, Australia, announce that the ship "Patriarch" has made the voyage from Europe to that port in 65 days.

In the House of Commons on the 24th, Mr. Monsell, Under Secretary of the Colonial Department, read despatches sent from the government to the Canadian Dominion. They contain no intimation that England is prepared to concede colonial independence.