

Wallace at 74. The sum of the collections amounted to \$54. This together with the proceeds of Tea and Bazaar here on the 19th lessened the debt nearly \$300.

The cost of the Edifice. Great credit is due the Building Committee, and Mr. Caleb Allen, the Architect, for the style and workmanship displayed in its structure. All these men are unconverted. May the Lord come to them in mercy and cause them to rejoice in his spiritual temple, as living stones. The entire cost of the building is \$4300.

The Amount raised by subscription from the people of Shelburne, is about \$1400 by Tea and Bazaar \$275. Total \$1675. The Amount raised through the labors of the pastor from abroad is \$1509.50.

In Yarmouth.....	\$430
" Beaver River.....	70
" Jordan River.....	225
" Lockport.....	200
" Sabie River.....	50
" Liverpool and vicinity.....	75
" Halifax.....	80
" Windsor.....	117
" Truro.....	15
Senator Coffin, of Barrington.....	50
Mr. Simms, of St. John.....	40
Capt. L. M. Willet.....	127 50
Total.....	\$1509 50

Subtracting these amounts from total cost, we find our present debt to be about \$1100. Which we hope by God's help to reduce to \$1000 in less than 3 months. I desire to make honorable mention of Robert Freeman, of Jordan River, whose donation was not less than \$115; of Mrs. J. K. Ryerson, of Yarmouth, who gave us \$30; of the \$40 of the firm of Kinnie Haley & Co.; of the \$95 of A. C. Robbins, and of the \$80 of Austin and Howard Locke, of Lockport. I would also make mention of Dr. Cramp's donation, and the very christian letter with donation from our Governor. Also, among many others, \$15 from A. H. Lavers (licentiate).

How thankful we should be to any of our readers who should be constrained by the love of Jesus to aid further in lifting the debt, heavy still for a weak church. Our little church only numbers 20, and but 4 male members. When this is considered along with our worldly circumstances, and that all has been done since the 1st of October last, you will see that the good hand of our God has been upon us. Hence our assistants have been working in the line of His purposes of love and mercy to perishing men. And now let the dear brethren that love Home Missions pray that the hand of Christ's spirit may take the stones from nature's quarry and lay them in the building with the cement of His love.—*Com.*

For the Christian Messenger.

A VINDICATION.

MARGARETVILLE, June 25, 1874.

Dear Editor,—

Several grave charges were brought against our Pastor, Rev. James Moore, this spring on the strength of which our Pastor called a meeting of his own accord in order that the charges might be cleared up.

The parties accusing made their appearance, but failed to maintain their charges, and the church without exception, wished a continuation of his services. But it did not rest here, the old theme was harped and multiplied on until it assumed a graver aspect than before. So at last the church took the case in hand and appointed an Ecclesiastical Council, to consist of twelve brethren, six from sister churches and six from our own, and also cited the accusers to meet them and lay their case before said council, they accordingly met on Wednesday, June 24th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Council were also present, also the accusers, the case was fully investigated, and no charges were sustained, as will appear by the following verdict which is the decision of said Council:

VERDICT.

We your Council convened, after carefully listening to the charges brought against the Rev. James Moore, and after due deliberation and proper caution, we unanimously agree they have failed to sustain the charges brought against him.

Signed on behalf of the Council,

DIMOCK GATES, President.
AMOS BURNS, Secretary.

P.S.—It is the wish of the church at Upper Wilnot that you will insert this in your paper.

A. B.

The Rev. C. H. SPURGEON.—The *Echo* states that we have refused to undertake a lecturing tour in opposition to the Church of England. We wonder what next. Nobody ever asked us to undertake anything of the kind, and therefore we never refused. The idea of our leaving the ministry of the Word of God to become a lecturer has never occurred to us, nor, we should think, to any sane individual.—*Sword and Trowel.*

Religious Intelligence.

AMHERST.—Yesterday, (5th inst.), was a good day to the Amherst Church. In addition to six at the last Conference we welcomed eight more to our membership—three by baptism and five by letter. The attendance at the Communion was the largest I have seen. We had a very full and interesting Conference on Saturday, during which there was a very strong expression of opinion against the signing of tavern licenses. It was the decided opinion of the meeting that no Baptist should help to legalize wrong doing, and that any member of the Amherst Church would be grossly culpable in signing the petition of the hotel-keepers to sell intoxicating liquors. There was also free interchange of thought on the general matters pertaining to our welfare as a Church. Our finances are on a better basis than ever before, and our contributions to benevolent objects are double those of any former year. In addition to this the pastor's salary has been increased and the labors of Bro. Skinner as assistant have also been provided for. Thus we are steadily growing, and by God's blessing the "little one" of the early part of this century, "will become a thousand" ere its close. Ought we not to "thank God and take courage."

D. A. STEELE.

Amherst, July 6th 1874.

Rev. D. W. Crandall of New Brunswick has recently been on a visit to Cumberland County, and writes: "Bro. E. B. Corey, (County Missionary) is doing a noble work. During the three years he has been on the Mission he has baptized two hundred, besides advancing the cause of temperance and other good institutions. Why could we not have a Missionary in each County? It seems to me it is just what we need."

ST. JOHN.—Rev. J. D. Pope baptized one person in the fellowship of Leinster Street Baptist Church, St. John, on Sabbath morning last.

ST. STEPHEN.—Rev. J. W. Manning baptized one person at St. Stephen on Sunday last.

CAHAIS.—Rev. E. B. Eddy baptized seven persons at Cahais on Sunday last.

We are credibly informed that the Fredericton Baptist Church instead of accepting the resignation of their pastor, recently tendered because of continued illness, called a meeting and added three hundred dollars (\$300) to his salary from the first of May last. Such an act speaks for itself; it needs no comment of ours to commend it.

We are glad, and not surprised, to learn that Bro. Porter's health is improving.—*Visitor.*

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., JULY 8, 1874.

It is rumored that the Hon. George Brown is shortly to leave for England to receive the honor of Knighthood.

Walkem's account of Edgar's mismanagement of the British Columbia negotiations is not complimentary to the latter's ability. Edgar arrived on Friday in obedience to a summons from the Premier.

Vaukoughnot is appointed Indian Commissioner.

A telegram to the *Citizen* says writes for elections to fill the vacant seats in the Commons have been sent for signature to Lord Dufferin. These elections will be held under the new law.

Mr. MacKenzie will accompany the Governor General on his Western tour, on which he will proceed as soon as the New Ministers are all sworn in.

Improvements in St. John harbor are ordered by the Public Works Department to be commenced at once and also a dock at Moncton in connection with the Intercolonial Railway.

Parliament is further prorogued to Friday, 14th August, but not then to meet for despatch of business.

UNITED STATES.

The weather in New York last week was reported very hot, 95° and 96°.

The "Herald's" Washington correspondent says a rumor is afloat of serious difficulty with Spain, growing out of a peremptory demand by our Government for the full indemnity for the "Virginia" prisoners, shot by order of Buriell. Secretary Fish pronounces this as a false report.

A Portsmouth, N. H., despatch says the Cable steamer "Ambassador," lying at anchor in the Lower harbor, on Friday, broke loose from the buoys to which she was attached, and drifted out to sea. She brought up near Wood Island, without damage.

All business was suspended on the 4th of July holiday, but as pistols and crackers (fire) were entirely suppressed it was pronounced the quietest 4th of July ever known.

An unknown man, handsomely dressed, was found drowned, at daybreak on Saturday last in the Frog Pond, N. X. It is supposed that he fell in while intoxicated.

Ship "Sonora" of Boston from London, reports passed a large number of icebergs on the 17th ultimo, in latitude 43. Also same day, a large black boat, full of water.

The trial of Wm. S. Sturtevant, in Plymouth, Mass., for murder, closed on Friday with a verdict of murder in the first degree.

The verdict of the Coroner's jury in the Mill River disaster, censures the Legislature for inadequate and defective legislation on the subject of reservoirs; the mill-owners for their parsimonious disregard of life and property; the engineers for ambiguous and inefficient specifications; the contractors for manifest delinquency and want of thoroughness in their work, and finally, the County Commissioners for accepting a dam so shabbily built, when they had the power to order its entire reconstruction.

A Washington despatch states that reports received at the headquarters of the army from almost every section of the Indian country, show that large bodies of savages were mounted and armed, and having a full supply of the most approved fixed ammunition, are roaming all over the western plains, and every now and then making combined movements on the least protected points, stealing horses and cattle, and in many instances carrying off the entire stock of the settlers, leaving the farmers and others almost hopeless.

Eleven persons are said to have been murdered on Monday night in a dwelling in Spencer County, N. Y.

Four persons were killed and a number seriously wounded by a boiler explosion in Carrolton, Michigan on the 30th ult.

A COW THROWN EIGHTY FEET BY A LOCOMOTIVE.—A cow jumped on the track in front of the special train that took the Knight Templars from this city to Bangor, just before it entered the bridge at Vanceboro. The engine struck her at full speed, throwing her into the air, and over eighty feet ahead against the end of the bridge, from which she rebounded over the embankment into the water below.—*St. John Telegraph.*

Two men and three women were drowned in lake Erie on Saturday by the upsetting of a boat.

A terrific tornado passed over a portion of Pennsylvania on Saturday night, destroying considerable property: 7 persons were killed, 5 wounded and others injured, in Washington. The loss is estimated at over \$1,000,000.

The local train running between New London and New Haven, was thrown from the track on Monday by a misplaced switch. William Wilcox, Superintendent of the road was killed, and 52 passengers injured, one lady probably fatally. None of the others dangerously.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Gold 104; Sterling Exchange steady.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

In the House of Commons Mr. Jenkins asked Mr. Disraeli if the "Standard's" assertion that the Canadian Government aims at Annexation to the United States was reliable.

Mr. Disraeli replied that the relations of the Canadian Dominion and the Imperial Government are most cordial and satisfactory.

The resolution in favor of Home Rule for Ireland was rejected on Friday.

Leicester Square was formally opened to the public on Tuesday last. Great crowds were present, and business in the neighborhood was entirely suspended. The houses were decorated with flags, and in the evening were illuminated.

The coming International Congress at Brussels was under consideration in the House of Lords on Friday.

FRANCE.—The Count de Chambord has issued a manifesto to the French people urging his claims to the throne.

Advices from France state that the sub-Committee have drawn up a new Constitutional Bill, which provides for a personal Septennate and a second chamber. No provision is made for a successor to the President, and it is thought that the object for its omission is to leave an opportunity for the restoration of the Monarchy, which may be possible when the Septennate ceases.

Advices from France state that Paul de Cassagnac, editor of *Le Pays*, has been acquitted of the charge of inciting the citizens to hatred of each other.

The French and English papers consider, generally, that the manifesto of the Comte de Chambord makes it possible for him to become King of France.

ITALY.—The Pope told the Generals of the Religious Orders, who called upon him on Wednesday the 1st inst., that he deplored the suppression of their houses, and exhorted them to remain united and reassemble hereafter.

SPAIN.—The death of Concha is considered in Paris an event of great political importance, as it is believed that Concha intended to proclaim Prince Alphonso King, as soon as the campaign against the Carlists was successful.

Besides Concha, one brigadier and two staff officers were killed at an attack of the Republicans on the Carlist entrenchments. By orders from Madrid, the whole army

has fallen back to Lerin, eight miles from Estella.

The Spanish Government is organizing fifty battalions for immediate service.

Don Carlos was wounded in the arm in the recent engagement with the Republicans.

The Captain General of Cuba has officially informed the army of the death of his brother, Gen. Concha, in Spain.

Despatches from Spain report the Republican troops greatly excited over reports of the murder and mutilation of the wounded by the Carlists, and it is feared they will make sanguinary reprisals.

Several accounts represent the Carlists at Muro were on the point of retreating when General Concha was killed.

General Concha's funeral took place at Madrid on Tuesday.

The Carlist force at Estella is given at 38,000 men.

It is stated that a German squadron is soon to be despatched to the Spanish ports.

RUSSIA.—There is a possibility of a rupture between Russia and China.

Caravans arriving from Central Asia bring reports that Yakob Beg is arming against Russia. It is believed he is prompted to this by agents of Great Britain.

Destructive fires in the town of Brantford, Ontario, by which 1,200 houses were destroyed, and thousands of persons made homeless.

INDIA.—Reports from the Famine districts are of the most favorable nature; the crops are in excellent condition. The number of persons employed at the Relief works has decreased to 25,000; and only 400,000 are now being fed by Government.

News of the Week.

CIVIC.—On Friday last at the meeting of the City Council the Report of the Committee on Finance was read. From this it appears that the amount to be levied on the citizens for 1874-75 is \$207,448.94, being an increase over last year of \$13,404.70.

The following is a summary of the statement of accounts:

Total amt. of assessment for 1873-4, \$193,791.90

Taxes received on 1st May..... 181,516.39

Amount uncollected 1st May..... 12,275.51

Deduct sums assessed to meet out in col..... 4,500.00

Bal. of assemt. outstanding May 1. \$7,775.51

The other side shows as follows:

Amt. due Bank of N.S. on 1st May, \$11,529.55

" " Commissioners of Schools, 9,041.00

" " County of Halifax, 6,594.00

" " Cemetery, 1,085.67

" " Sinking Fund sidewalks, 3,136.00

" " City Market, 4,719.33

Add License money..... 9,917.37

Amount of undrawn Balances..... 4,530.88

Deduct Amt. (as above) uncollected: 47,353.86

7,775.51

39,678.55

Deduct Amount of Overdrawn Balances on 1st May..... 19,876.02

Balance against the Treasury on 1st May, 1874..... \$19,708.53

Ald. Thompson moved to transfer the accounts of the city to one or more banks other than the Bank of Nova Scotia, whenever it was found advisable so to do.

A committee consisting of Ald. Fraser, Smith, Askhurst, Seton, Thompson and Icom, was appointed to consider the advisability of electing a city auditor, and to recommend any other changes in the management of civic affairs that they may deem necessary.

WET WEATHER IN JUNE.—Mr. F. Allison says: "There were 20 wet days in June, exceeding the usual number by more than 50 per cent. Still more remarkable was the quantity of rain—7.828 inches—or over 24 times the normal amount."

Mr. A. adds: "And still I believe no permanent damage has been done; showing the enormous power of evaporation even in a cool June in this climate."

THE BLASTING FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A SEWER CONTINUES IN FRONT OF OUR OFFICE. It is reported that one day last week by some want of proper covering, a stone, weighing about one hundred pounds, was blown into the air for a distance of about 40 feet, and in falling buried itself some 12 or 15 inches in the ground. It is said that this is not the first occurrence of the same kind by a dozen. In general great care is taken. It is not the most agreeable music to have close to one's ears all the time.

A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOR EVER.—And such is a rich flowing head of hair. Reader, if you have this great gift of nature and it is not fading out, use the Bearine; it is the only safe and reliable dressing you can get. Every Druggist sells it.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART.—The *Express* reports the closing exercises of this institution, and says of the ladies in charge, "The community are their debtors, for the zeal and devotion with which they labor to educate so many young ladies of all creeds and classes, and to send into society so many, solidly and elegantly trained to grace every position in life. In common with many others, we regret the inexorable order which excludes parents and friends of the institution from being present at these closing exercises."

OBITUARY.—Mr. John S. DeWolf, the well known ship-owner of the firm of J. S. DeWolf & Co., Liverpool, G. B., died on Wednesday last, at his residence at Birkenhead, England, across the Mersey, immediately opposite Liverpool. Mr. DeWolf was a member of the well known family of the name, whose career in shipping matters is widely known, and who gave their name to Wolfville, in Kings Co.—*Es.*

THE COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTS met on Friday last, W. Roche, Jr., whom the Dominion Government had appointed Chairman, went to take his seat; but the other members objected and refused to remain at the Board if Mr. Roche took the chair. They threaten to resign in a body if the appointment is not revoked. It does seem more political than politic to appoint so young and inexperienced a man as Chairman when so many other older and more experienced men are on the Board. We suggest that the government cancel the appointment, and leave the selection of its head to the Board itself.—*Reporter.*

SONS OF TEMPERANCE, GRAND DIVISION OF N. S.—The next quarterly session of this body will be held in North Sydney, C. B., commencing Wednesday evening, 20th July. Arrangements are completed for excursion return tickets for one first class fare over the W. & A. Railroad, the government railways, the steamer from Pictou to Straits of Canso, and steamer Neptune, through Bras d'Or Lake. Persons applying at the various stations will ask for excursion return tickets for the Grand Division. Certificates of attendance at the session will require to be shown with the tickets on returning.

We heard on Saturday that some parties had last hope with regard to their potatoes, believing they had rotted in the ground, and they had therefore sowed buckwheat.

SALMON FISHING has been very good in our rivers, at Restigouche an extraordinary run of Salmon had taken place, and the nets were catching fish of enormous size.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—We learn from the Annapolis Farmer that during the thunderstorm which occurred on the evening of the 23rd, the lightning struck 27 telegraph posts, consecutively out of 28, extending from the school-house at Clements up to Mr. Horstall's residence.

The dwelling house of Mr. Geo. Henderson, at Sandy Cove, Queens, was struck by lightning early on Tuesday morning. The fluid split a post near which two children slept on their bed.

NIGHT TRAINS.—We learn from the St. John, N. B. News, that several important changes in the running of trains on the Intercolonial railway are shortly to go into effect. In about a fortnight a night express train will be put on between that city and Halifax, and the day express train between the two cities will be discontinued.

DECISION CONFIRMED.—In the case of the Bank of Nova Scotia and the surviving securities of James Forman vs. the Executors of the late Hon. M. B. Almon, it will be remembered that an elaborate judgement for the plaintiffs was delivered by Mr. Justice McCully, after a hearing in Equity, as published in this paper a few months ago. The defendants, not satisfied with the decision, obtained an order granting leave of appeal to Her Majesty in Her Privy Council. After submitting their case to eminent counsel in London and taking their opinion, they have decided we learn, to submit to the decision pronounced by the learned Judge in Nova Scotia who tried the case.—*Recorder.*

CORNWALLIS NEW POTATOES IN JUNE.—As we were leaving Canard on Tuesday the 30th ult., Dr. Hamilton, who is well known as a leading agriculturist, and is not to be easily beaten, gave us new potatoes just taken from his garden. He has a piece of winter wheat in which the ear was then almost nearly formed. The Dr. has a fine orchard and vineyard, which give a prospect of large quantities of fruit.

"SUNSHINE AND DUST."—The St. John, N. B. *Visitor* complains of dust. Why "a bushel of March dust is worth a monarch's ransom," but it is a different thing in June or July. Perhaps our brother is not so used to that sort of thing as we are. He ought to be thankful to be able to affirm that, "Last week we had a few days of warm sunshine." The picture our contemporary draws of what he suffered from the dust is appalling. He says:—"We would gladly have dispensed with the dust, but we could not avail ourselves of the sunshine without having our eyes, ears, and nostrils filled with the gritty powder, and at evening, as we cleansed our persons from the unwelcome impurities, we wished that we could have retained all the sunshine instead. But, no, the bright orb sank behind the western horizon and left nothing tangible to our senses but the dirt and dust accumulated on our clothing and person in our business walks through the city. Go where we would that clung to us. We carried it into our homes, our chamber, and even the house of prayer."

We suppose we ought to feel thankful that we do not live in St. John, and that we in Halifax have a Board of Works so vigilant in watering our streets that, generally it is a pleasure to walk in them.

When we wish for absolute freedom from such troubles all we have to do is to step on board one of our good ferry steamers and our harbor furnishes perfect exemption; and in ten minutes time we are enjoying the pure air of the Dartmouth side.

THE "FARADAY."—There was some excitement caused last week by a telegram that this magnificent telegraph steamer had been wrecked by striking an iceberg. The report appears to have been incorrect, for a despatch came on Friday stating that the Faraday cable steamer left Torbay for Portsmouth on the thirtieth ult., having been detained by dense fogs. The tug *Goliath*, with a special Agent of the Cable Company, left at 5 o'clock on Friday morning for Torbay to ascertain her whereabouts, if possible. The news of her safety was received three hours afterwards. So the tug's errand was useless.