

The Supreme Court opened its Autumn Sitting on Tuesday last. The Grand Jury presented the following list of true bills:

- Archibald Byers, for rape.
Albert Bishop, for shooting a man at Prospect.
John McDougall for stealing a horse and wagon.
John Currie for forgery.
F. Martin, Royal Walsh and Meagher, for attempting to escape from the Penitentiary.

The Grand Jury also reported that they found no bill against Collins, charged with breaking into a barn.

McDougall, Byers and Currie were arraigned. The former pleaded guilty and the two latter not guilty.

The bill against Bishop was referred back to the jury, there being a defect in the indictment.

Hughes, Martin and Walsh, the three convicts indicted for attempting to escape from the penitentiary, were tried on Monday. The jury, without leaving the box, found the accused guilty.

The Halifax School Board have appointed the following standing Committees:

Finance—Thompson, Cronan, Bremner, Belcher, Harrington, Nisbet.

On Teachers—Belcher, Power (L. G.), Harrington, Thompson, West.

On School Sites and Buildings—West, Power (L. G.), Brookfield, Nisbet, Forsyth, Power, (M. J.)

On Printing—Cronan, Brookfield, Forsyth, Power (M. J.)

Visiting Committees—North District—West, Bremner, Forsyth, Thompson, Nisbet. Central District—Harrington, Cronan, Power, (L. G.), Forsyth, Power, (M. J.). South District—Bremner, Power (L. G.), Brookfield, Belcher, Forsyth.

At a meeting of the City Council on Thursday last Alderman Reid moved a resolution that any individual or company expending \$5,000 or upwards in permanent plant or fixtures (exclusive of the building) for the establishment of any new enterprise or manufacture shall have remitted to them on the plant and building containing it, all School, Poor and County Rates for so long a time as this Council may determine, but in no case to exceed ten years. It was laid over to next meeting.

The Board of Works reported, giving a statement of the amounts expended in each ward for street service and amount on hand or overdrawn, between the 1st of May to the 1st of November, 1877, which was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Ward, Amount. Ward 1, \$3,292.16; overdrawn, \$244.00. Ward 2, 1,563.09; unexpended, 526.53. Ward 3, 1,191.24; unexpended, 488.38. Ward 4, 1,457.47; unexpended, 429.11. Ward 5, 3,542.76; overdrawn, 324.82. Ward 6, 2,738.61; unexpended, 422.35.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The Grand Division commenced its annual session in this city in the Division Room, Temperance Hall, last evening. This Wednesday evening, a complimentary soiree will be given the country members of the Division by some of the city divisions.

The Y. C. Association are holding this week as a Week of Prayer for young men. Meetings are held each evening, except this evening at Association Hall, at 8 o'clock. Closing meeting on Sunday, at 1 past 4 o'clock.

Addresses were given on Monday evening, "The Warning," by Rev. G. M. Grant; "The Invitation," by Rev. Dr. Hill.

On Tuesday, "Absalom the Unwise Young Man," by Rev. Dr. Burns; "Daniel the Praying Young Man," by Rev. C. B. Pitblado.

To-morrow evening (Thursday) addresses will be given, "An Important Question," by Rev. Thos. Duncan; "The Wise Choice," by Rev. E. M. Saunders.

On Friday, "Sowing and Reaping," by Rev. S. F. Heustis and Rev. J. M. Lowden.

On Saturday, "Godliness profitable for this Life, and resulting in an Everlasting Life of joy and gladness in Heaven," by Rev. W. H. Heartz and Rev. J. W. Manning.

The Dartmouth Omnibus stands at the ferry wharf ready to take passengers for the small fee of ten cents to any part of the town.

In the Police Court on Saturday, before the Stipendiary Magistrate Motton, a man was arraigned charged by his wife with being an incurable drunkard. The magistrate let him off with the understanding that he would join the Temperance Reform Club.

Mr. David Hains, school teacher at the Albion Mines public school, was accidentally drowned on Sunday week in a small lake above Hopewell. The road was partially submerged owing to the late heavy rains, and the horse missed the firm ground and plunged into the water. The horse was also drowned. The other occupant of the wagon, a Frenchman, succeeded in saving himself.

The steamer 'Minia' succeeded on Wednesday in picking up the broken ends of the direct cable in forty-four minutes after throwing grapnels and buoying the same. The wind was blowing heavily at the time and the cable parted near the surface, at about fifty fms., breaking the grapnels. Operations will be resumed as soon as the weather permits.

A VIPER, in the form of a tramp, was kindly housed by Mr. Benjamin Roberts, Argyle, and repaid him by stealing \$15 and a watch. The thief was arrested in Digby.

Windsor gaol was recently visited by four tramps for a nights lodgings.

We learn from the Yarmouth Herald that on Tuesday morning Geo. B. Smith, Esq., found on 2d street a living lizard, about nine inches in length, and a similar one was found the same day by L. E. Baker, Esq., near his residence. They were of a description, we understand, unknown here, and it is surmised that they may have fallen from the clouds during the rainstorm of the previous night. We have heard of a shower of frogs. Is a shower of lizards much more unlikely?

John James Andrews and his son Thomas, left the International Pier at Sydney on Friday afternoon in a sail boat loaded with coal, which they were taking to their home at Coxheath. It is supposed the boat foundered, as they have not been seen since, and the oars have washed ashore at South Bar.

A railway accident occurred near Folly Bridge on Wednesday afternoon. A heavy freight train from Moncton for Halifax was thrown from the track South of Folly River Bridge, on a high embankment. Several cars were badly damaged, as well as the goods they contained, principally flour and oil. The trains were delayed in consequence. Conductor W. H. Donkin had two of his ribs broken, and his leg and arm badly injured.

A telegram from Yarmouth says:—'Nearly all the places where liquor was formerly sold are now closed up. A quantity of liquor which arrived lately in one of the steamers was refused a landing and sent back whence it came.'

On Saturday rum ran down the sewers. A quantity having been seized by the Customs, the temperance folks became the purchasers at the auction, and they destroyed the sample lot on the spot and in due course will cause the balance to follow.

Large and enthusiastic meetings continue to be held there by the Temperance Reformers.

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George Urquhart of Elmsdale, was fined seven dollars and costs—\$10.40 in all—last week for having shot three partridges, out of the proper season for such sport.

The Amherst Gazette gives a full account of the great Temperance work in that place. The editor compares it to the great tidal wave which eight years ago swept over the barriers and carried the Bay of Fundy waters over the whole country on its shores. The principal instrument in this work was Mr. George M. Dutcher, whose name, the Gazette says, will long live in the grateful memory of the people of Nova Scotia. In three days about 500 people signed the following pledge:

"We do solemnly promise, in the presence of these witnesses, and in the fear of God, that we will abstain from all intoxicating drink in the future, as a beverage, and will, whenever opportunity offers, induce others to sign the pledge, and do whatever our hands find to do towards ridding our land of strong drink. Our daily prayer shall be, "Oh Lord, enable us to keep the pledge."

In all, it is said, about 800 have signed the pledge. The editor concludes a long article giving an account of the meetings, &c., with the following very reasonable appeal:

We have but started in the right direction. The obstacles of the way are yet to be met and overcome. Let those who are not with us, at least be not against us. May we hope that ladies and gentlemen who consider it not wrong to place wine before their guests, will, if they cannot join us, lend their aid so far, at least, as to withhold this temptation?

GRAHAM'S PAIN ERADICATOR.—Mr. John N. Coleman, Woodville, Cornwallis, N. S., had Rheumatism in his knee for ten years; was cured by one application in 1862. Remains well.

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