

many who listened attentively to his eloquent reasonings each week.

Politics seem to be in a state of quiet, strange to say, and the excitement concerning the "Chinese question" is almost forgotten.

The religious services held during Lent in the Episcopal churches have been generally well attended, but special mention might be made of Trinity where the ever popular Philips Brooks officiates.

At this service the seats are free to all, the singing is congregational, and the hymns, familiar ones such as "Coronation" &c., are printed on slips and distributed in each pew.

The churches of our own denomination in this city seem to be doing a good work, though there is no special movement among them.

At Tremont Temple the attendance is pronounced the largest in the city and membership numbers about 1500. The pastor Dr. Lorimer has recently received a call to Chicago, and resigned his position here as his health will not allow him to continue the charge of so large a church.

Yours &c., A BOSTONIAN.

In Memoriam.

DEACON GEORGE W. DENTON.

The Baptist Church at Westport has sustained a heavy loss in the death of Deacon George W. Denton. The cause of truth has lost a firm supporter; and the society has lost the example of a noble Christian character.

While mourning as an affectionate father for his children, and patiently awaiting his own dissolution, brother Denton bore earnest testimony to the un-

changeable goodness of God. This thought seemed to fill his soul. When the voice failed, the mind seemed still to feast on that perfect love that casteth out fear. Human sympathy remains silent at such a deathbed.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

MILTON, QUEENS CO., N. S., April 7th, 1878.—Dear Bro. Selden.—The work of grace in this place of which Bro. Gates informed you is still in progress.

Rev. R. D. Porter and Rev. Perez Murray have kindly assisted us in Sabbath and other services. Both of these brethren have purchased real estate in Milton, and, as your Bridgetown correspondent informed you, Bro. Murray has come to spend his remaining days in his native town.

Bro. Cleveland, a licentiate of the Caledonia Church, and teacher of the high school in this place, has labored earnestly and has been made glad by seeing a large number of his scholars accepting of Christ.

Services were commenced among the Disciples during the first week we began, and over a week ago among the Congregationalist; as a result a large number have been added to the former church and a number to the latter.

Yours truly, JAS. I. DEWOLFE.

GASPEREAUX, HORTON.—Dear Editor,—We had another solemn and impressive baptism on Sabbath last, April 6, when five more persons made a public profession of their faith in Christ by being "buried with Him by baptism."

Yours truly, ISA. WALLACE.

At PARIS, Brother Grant had the privilege of baptizing on the evening of the 9th ult., four young women into the likeness of the Saviour's death.

Dr. Delitzsch has completed a revision of his Hebrew version of the New Testament. The first specimen passage—1 Cor. xiii—was published forty years ago, and the entire work in its first form in 1877.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—At Hamilton, Ont., on Wednesday last, an old woman, named Mrs. Maddon, was burned to death in her house by the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

There is great destitution among the people of Labrador. It is said that many would have died of want but for the assistance sent down last fall by the Government, and unless similar aid reaches them very soon this spring, a similar catastrophe may occur.

The first shipping arrivals at Quebec this season, were the schrs. "Lumina" and "Firefly," from Murray Bay, on Thursday last.

The London press is freely discussing the action of the Governor General respecting Mr. Letellier in Quebec. The Times on Wednesday said: "It is plain that two questions are raised by this new Canadian difficulty. First, whether the Marquis of Lorne was bound to act upon the advice of his Ministers, and remove Lieut.-Governor Letellier; and second, whether supposing him not thus bound, he exercised a sound discretion in declining to remove the Quebec Lieut.-Governor."

Hon. Dr. Tupper is expected to make his speech on the Government Railway policy this week.

It is expected that Parliament will adjourn the third week in May.

A computation of the Nationalities of the present House of Commons gives the following:—French, 54, Scotch 42; English, 41; Irish, 36; N. E. Loyalists descendants, 16; Americans, 10; German 4; Swiss, 1; Danish, 1—total, 205.

The Duke of Argyll is expected to arrive at Quebec in the second week of June for a four month's visit to his son and Royal daughter-in-law. A week later they will greet Rear-Admiral the Duke of Edinburgh at Halifax who will succeed Admiral Inglefield in command of the North American Squadron.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—At the Civic election on Tuesday last Col. Charles R. Ray was elected Mayor of St. John by a majority of about 300 over Dr. Earle.

It is said that a million dollar sugar refining company is being started in St. John. An Act of Incorporation has been applied for.

UNITED STATES.—At Washington, on Friday at the Cabinet meeting, there was a discussion covering the relations of the Canadian Government to the U. States. In the event of a hostile movement southward, by Sitting Bull and band, if they came South on an avowedly hostile errand, they say that there could be little question as to the responsibility of the Canadian Government.

Conductor Radcliffe, of Grand Trunk Railroad, while running the train on Saturday near Victoria, was shot in the face by a noted desperado. No provocation whatever was assigned for the act.

SOUTH AMERICA.—A special envoy of Peru to Chili was received by the Chilean Government, and laid before it the bases on which Peru desired to effect a mediation between the belligerents. The Peruvians are actively preparing for any emergency.

Bolivia has issued a decree expelling all Chilians from the National territory within ten days time. All commercial relations with Chili are declared interrupted.

ENGLAND.—30,000 Durham miners are on strike. The strike may become general, but the poverty and distress is so great that it is believed it cannot hold out more than a week or two.

A despatch states that the miners in Houghton and Seaham districts are determined to destroy the property of the owners and managers. One hundred policemen are stationed in Seaham Hall and a conflict is imminent.

Arrangements are concluded for an International Exhibition at Antwerp next year.

The weather is keeping very cold for the time of year. There was quite a snow-storm in the Northern parts of England on Sunday last.

FRANCE.—The policy of France toward Egypt is not to precipitate matters. The present tendency is rather to the other extreme. Gambetta's views in regard to Egypt are more decided than those of Waddington, but he does not wish to exercise pressure on the Government.

GERMANY.—At a recent meeting of Council in St. Petersburg, General

Todleben declared he believed that war was the only solution of the Eastern Roumelian difficulty; Schouvaloff opposed this view.

Great meetings of representatives of German sea-ports will be held on the 17th to discuss the new tariff.

AUSTRIA.—Seventeen thousand persons in Szegedin and neighborhood are still subsisting on charity: It has been raining ten days and the supply of bread is becoming exhausted.

The approaching visit of the Austrian Crown Prince to Madrid is believed to foreshadow the marriage of King Alfonso to the Archduchess Maria, daughter of the Archduke Charles.

The Patrie announces it has reason to believe that the marriage of King Alfonso to the Archduchess Maria, of Austria, will take place in July.

TURKEY.—The Sultan, yielding to the urgent representations of the Grand Vizier, has recalled several exiled personages and ordered the release of others from prison.

ITALY.—The Capitale publishes a letter by Garibaldi, who says, "Italy owes gratitude to the royal house for having contributed to her unity, but it did not accomplish it alone. The country was more flourishing under the old tyrants than now. Monarchy is not eternal. Its duration will be in proportion as it merits the affection of the people, and calls to its councils capable and truthful men."

Garibaldi was taken in a carriage to the Quirinal on Sunday and the King conversed with him privately in the carriage for half an hour.

Queen Victoria will probably visit the King and Queen of Italy at Monsea.

RUSSIA.—Russia is endeavoring to secure for herself the occupation of a part of the Balkans, excluding the Turkish contingent therefrom.

There have been frequent interviews held between Lord Dufferin and Prince Gortschakoff in regard to the alternative arrangement for mixed occupation.

The Gazette understands that Russia decided to surrender Kaldja to China, and conclude the new convention with the Chinese Government.

Four soldiers who recently died at St. Petersburg were found to have been victims of the plague, and there were several cases of plague in St. Petersburg during the past week.

Persons under arrest in Kieff prison resolved sometime ago to tunnel under the walls and escape. The scheme was divulged by one of the conspirators. The authorities allowed the prisoners to continue the excavation, and when the tunnel was completed and the prisoners entered in one after another, intending to come up through the opening beyond prison precincts, the soldiers previously posted at the opening shot them as they came up. When the bulk of the prisoners, terrified by noise of firing, stopped and remained in the tunnel, soldiers were sent in from behind, and the unfortunate wretches, caught between two fires, were all shot down.

A Berlin despatch says the Russian revolutionary committee has sent letters to Imperial dignitaries at St. Petersburg, saying that though they do not intend to attack the Czar they will not cease to kill his attendants, especially heads of the police department, so long as the treatment of political prisoners is unameliorated.

While the Czar was taking his usual morning walk early on Monday, near the palace, four shots from a revolver were fired at him. The Czar is unhurt. The man who fired was arrested by a crowd which the firing attracted. The city is now decorated in token of thankfulness for the Czar's escape.

SOUTH AFRICA.—A convoy of supplies proceeding from Derby, in Landina district, to Luenburg, on Pangola River, and escorted by 104 men of the 80th regiment, was attacked at daybreak on March 12th, on the banks of Itombe River, by 4000 Zulus under Umbelina.

Owing to the previous alarm the British were under arms, but were overwhelmed by the enormously superior force of the enemy.

Captain Moriarty and 40 men were killed and 20 men missing. The fate of wagon drivers is unknown. One hundred and fifty men of the 80th regiment subsequently proceeded to the scene of the fight and recovered a quantity of the rockets and ammunition and buried the dead. The twenty waggons containing supplies were lost.

A party of volunteers visited the battle-field of Insandula and found that the Zulus had left 100 waggons there, but had removed guns and ammunition.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Cape town on the 24th ult., which expressed confidence in Sir Bartle Frere and thanked the Government for sending reinforcements.

The transport "City of Paris" struck at the entrance of Simon's Bay. The troops were transferred to the "Tamar." Colonel Pearson signaled from Ekowe that he could hold out ten days longer (till fourth of April), that his provisions only were short and that he has plenty ammunition. The despatch says nothing of sickness.

Scouts who have arrived at the Camp of the relieving column report the Zulus

are concentrated in large masses eleven miles North of Tuguela Run. They are hidden in a dense jungle; numbers unascertainable.

Parliamentary.

Dominion House of Commons.

The debate on the Tariff continued in the House of Commons until Wednesday, when a division took place on Mr. Mackenzie's amendment, as follows:—

"That the resolution be not now concurred in, but that it be resolved that while this House is prepared to make ample provision for the requirements of the public service and the public credit, it regards the scheme now under consideration as calculated to distribute unequally, and therefore unjustly, the burdens of taxation; to divert capital from its natural and most profitable employment; to benefit special classes at the expense of the whole community, tend towards rendering futile the costly and persistent efforts of this country to secure a share of the immense and growing carrying trade of this continent, and to create an antagonism between the commercial policy of the Empire and that of Canada which might lead to consequences deeply to be deplored."

The vote stood, yeas, 53; nays, 136. The government resolutions were then put and carried by yeas, 136; nays, 53, giving a majority of 83.

Dr. W. J. Almon has been appointed to the Senate in place of the late Senator Northup.

Mr. Fortin has a notice in the Commons paper of a resolution to make the Fisheries Award a fund for the protection and preservation of Canadian Fisheries.

Nova Scotia Legislature.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

ON TUESDAY a good portion of the afternoon was expended on the second reading of a bill providing that the County of Cape Breton should remunerate volunteers of Victoria Co. who had gone to Sydney, C. B., to quell the riot at the mines there, some few years ago. On the question being taken only the two Cape Breton members voted against the bill. The bill for the Incorporation of Counties was under consideration in committee and an evening session was held over the same.

ON WEDNESDAY Mr. Pugh read the majority report of the committee to investigate the case of Dr. DeWolf, in connection with his dismissal from the Mount Hope Asylum. The report states that the committee are of opinion that the investigation was not conducted in a satisfactory manner, but that it is not expedient to re-open the whole question.

The House in Committee took up the Incorporation of Counties Bill and continued the same in an evening session.

Hon. Provincial Secretary laid on the table the Estimates for the ensuing year.

Probable Revenue for 1879.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Subsidy, including amount allowed for legislative expenses and interest on debt: \$380,240 00. Mines, for Royalties, etc.: 70,000 00. Crown Lands: 6,500 00. Hospital for Insane: 35,000 00. Prov. Secretary's office, fees, 7,000 00. Royal Gazette: 3,500 00. Collection of Old Debts: 30,000 00. Total: \$532,240 00.

Estimated Expenditure.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Agriculture: \$12,000 00. Contingencies: 7,000 00. Criminal Prosecutions: 2,000 00. Education: 200,000 00. Crown Land Department: 7,000 00. Immigration: 500 00. Interest: 18,000 00. Legislative Expenses: 34,000 00. Local Works: 10,000 00. Hospital for Insane: 50,000 00. Department of Mines: 5,000 00. Miscellaneous: 29,623 49. Poores' Asylum: 16,000 00. Provincial and City Hospital: 4,000 00. Public Printing: 7,000 00. Salaries, Government Offices: 16,850 00. Steamboats, Packets, Ferries: 23,570 00. Transient Poor and Visiting Dispensary: 2,200 00. Medical College: 800 00. Deaf and Dumb Asylum: 1,000 00. Blind Asylum: 800 00. Inebriate Asylum: 600 00. Normal School, Truro, Bonds Maturing: 5,000 00. Roads and Bridges: Annapolis: \$4,420 00. Antigonish: 4,147 47. Cumberland: 4,831 72. Colchester: 4,964 00. Cape Breton: 4,964 00. Digby: 4,148 09. Guysboro: 4,648 00. Halifax: 6,252 81. Hants: 5,093 09. Inverness: 5,610 00. Kings: 4,590 00. Lunenburg: 5,100 00. Pictou: 6,120 00. Queens: 4,018 65. Richmond: 4,148 00. Shelburne: 4,148 10. Victoria: 4,148 00. Yarmouth: 4,148 50. Total: \$85,500 00.